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Dear Friends,

The Lord is doing great and mighty things in Papua New Guinea and we're very grateful we can observe and try to get in step with him. Even though governmental corruption and the practice of sorcery persists, we are rejoicing that people are responding to Christ and his word.

From January to June Eric was involved in four different leadership courses for pastors, government leaders and PIM teachers. Whether in PNG or in the States he immerses himself in writing resources for pastors and R.I. (Religious Instruction) leaders. The door for RI ministry in public schools seems to be opening wider each year. Another new outreach motivated him to record 90 sermons in Melanesian Pidgin for broadcast on Laif FM, a Christian radio station in Wewak.

Pastor Terrence, besides pastoring his own church, teaches *Eleven More Hot Topics* in his once-a-week RI class to nearly 200 students (a very tight squeeze in one classroom!) at Maprik Secondary School. He also coordinated with PIM and the school principal to arrange for 1000 copies of *With All My Heart* books to be made available for other students at the high school.

In PNG and in the States Penny takes every opportunity one-on-one to share Bible studies about Jesus with women (Luke Ladies). She also met regularly with 8 women at the Wewak prison, with 12 ladies at a pastors' course in Vanimo, and 12 ladies in Ambunti at the pastors' workshop.



Rev. Eric Schering speaks with prisoners



Above: Pastor Terrence with books from PIM



Left: Penny Schering talks with John Yuar the head of PIM's medical work



Doug Heidema arrives in Ambunti

Many Papua New Guineans were overjoyed to see Doug again when he came two different times this year, as Doug and Leah served in PNG together for over 30 years. When PNG women who have been a part of PIM's ministry saw Doug for the first time in four years, they burst into tears, showing their sympathy with him on the passing of Leah in August 2015. Besides reconnecting with friends, Doug was also busy with various repair and maintenance projects, as well as supervising staff. Please pray for a new PNG work permit for Doug.

These days Orneal spends only 2-3 hours each morning at the PIM office sending thank you notes to supporters, writing emails and taking care of other details. Now largely confined to

her lounge chair, Martha is at home praying for the ministry. Martha reached 90 years of age earlier in the year and Orneal turns 90 the first week of December. We are very grateful to Orneal and Martha for founding the mission and providing guidance for many years. Doug's daughter Michelle Hawkins helps out in the office one day a week.

Please join us in giving thanks to the Lord for all the above. May the Lord give you, our partners, favor and increase and joy and strength as you advance his kingdom here and in PNG.

"May the name of the God of Jacob protect you. May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed. May the Lord grant all your requests." (Ps 20:1,4,5).



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Michelle Hawkins hiking with her children