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Dear Co-worker:

The various e-mails from New Guinea do not make it easy to sort out what to share in a newsletter. I'll give it a try and list some items which speak of important activities.

\* PIM field personnel requested that OMK Ministries supply another 10,000 copies of *With All My Heart* for use in various groups in PNG, even government schools. *WAMH* covers the basic teachings of

Christianity. As you also likely know, we revised Thea Van Halsema's book many years ago, and with the new order will have sent over fifty thousand copies of the popular book to PNG (both in English and Melanesian). Thea passed away recently after Eric and Penny had a good visit with her in December.

\* Doug felt stranded during his endeavor to go from the PNG highlands to Lae. Along with some finagling, which turned into an interesting journey, he had given away a bag of groceries, some extra cash, and a jacket he was wearing before boarding a bus which had the passengers jostled about as the driver avoided various road hazards and other vehicles. After arriving in Lae he flew to Wewak.

\* National Tony Yuwai teaches in the large village of Mowi far up the Sepik (near the mouth of the May River). He praises the Lord for various blessings: He rejoices in his family never being short of food, the school going well, three children attending Sunday school, his students doing well at memorizing Bible verses. He and his wife are able to forgive and forget the past evil deeds of others; they were able to accommodate travelers with food and lodging. His wife's donut business prospers due to tithing, and he was able to take with him to the village two cartons of OMK Ministries' latest book *Heroes at the Ends of the Earth*.

\* National Bonnie Aunak of Yawa #1 relates that of all the eight schools in the West Sepik, Province Yawa Primary School consistently has the highest number of students who go on to further education. Last year Yawa had 23 selected, because of how well they did in their exams, while the maximum number from the other seven schools was six. The administrators in



Doug Heidema preaching in the village of Ablatak.

the province say, "That's because Yawa has chosen to make the Word of God high priority in the village."

\* National Leah Yomgau of Kubkain village says God has done a great thing in Kubkain. The youth have stopped drinking and smoking. And backslidden Christians have returned to worship. It started when church women went to Maprik for a women's conference and after they came back started staying all night in the church on Saturday nights to pray. The next month the people started coming back to church. At Christmas they had some fine services and great celebration. And the New Years' service was well attended, including all the village youth. And the villagers are renovating the church.

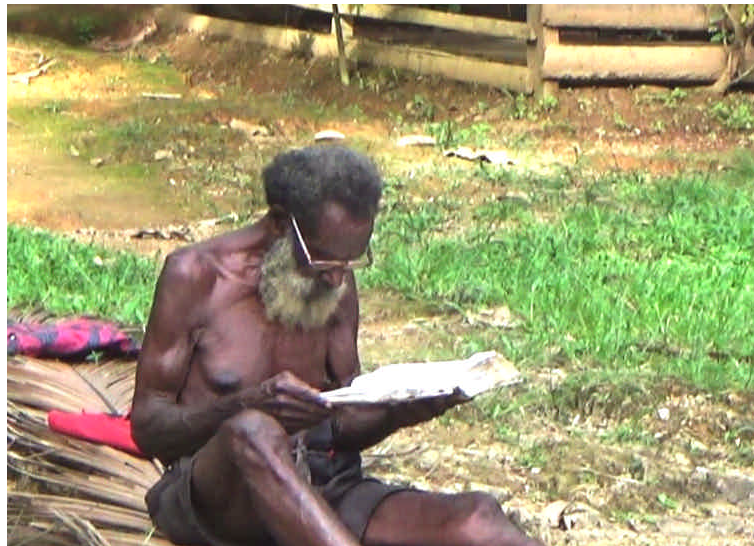
\* Not all is rosy. After Doug preached in the local Ambunti church one of the local police stopped by and said that he had just locked up a man for killing his pregnant wife. Being drugged on alcohol and marijuana, the man struck his wife during an argument. The police were wondering how to control the wife's family who were considering how to retaliate for the deed.

In His grace,



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Reading *Melanesian Tok Pisin Bible* in the afternoon breeze.