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Dear Friends,

Without good light nighttime travel on the Sepik River has increased challenges particularly when rain or clouds shroud the stars or the moon lies below the horizon. Then it is understood that total darkness is the absence of any light. Hopefully your equipment for the night includes strong batteries for a spotlight that can pierce the blackness and show floating logs and obstacles as well as the course home keeping travel clear of dead-end oxbows or wrong forks in the river.

Without good light night sounds become frightening. If the outboard motor is stopped then soon the flying foxes are heard. Their wings flap loudly as they fly pass to find ripen fruits in jungle trees. Occasional bird calls eerily filter through the dense cane and thicket lining the shoreline. Fish surface or jump for reasons of their own. Deep toned crocodile growls from what may be distant or not so distant nests, encourage re-starting the motor again.



Melanesian Pidgin Bibles are distributed in the remote village of Yatoam. For some it is their first Bible.



Villager adapts solar panel to charge cell phone.

No one likes living in the dark. For years Sepik villagers have been using kerosene for their lighting needs. However within the last five years solar powered lighting has become affordable and some villagers have a light on for the whole night. Kerosene is more expensive and is no longer used.

The world without Christ is living in darkness. Things get very uncertain and worrisome in this kind of darkness. Hope can not be lit and burn brightly.

John 8:12 Again, Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Thank you for being a part of PIM's efforts to reach people in Papua New Guinea with the only true and everlasting life-changing light of life.

Yours in Christ,

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