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Dear Friends,

Eric & Penny flew out of LAX on December 30th. Doug flew out of San Francisco on January 1. They met unexpectedly and happily at the Air Niugini gate in Brisbane, Australia, minutes before boarding for Port Moresby, the capital of PNG.

After three days in Moresby Doug flew to Wewak to gather supplies for living in Ambunti and for the new project of building a small courthouse in a town along the highway to Pagwi, Sepik port to Ambunti up-river. On a recent Sunday, he and his small crew attended church where Doug was invited to preach. While still in Wewak he got a start at teaching Ray W, who will soon be running the guest house and helping Eric with Religious Education distribution, how to drive the van.

In Moresby Eric watched God's hand as meetings unfolded with government officials who have a similar passion for good biblical Religious Education to happen in PNG junior high and high schools. Since RE has been mandated in the country, the people he met with in the government welcomed the input of PIM books. Pray they have wisdom and make good decisions. Two new friends with Christian teachers, pastors and/or headmasters in place were thrilled to get cartons of books to take with them to schools where there are few or zero books period.

In Wewak as the PNG school year is just about to begin (first week of February in most places), Eric is making timely visits to past contacts and supplying pastors and teachers with cartons of materials for their RE. "Oh thank you so much," they say over and over in appreciation for these kinds of books they have found so helpful in the past.

All of us are anticipating meeting our teachers' for their in-service in Ambunti shortly, sitting down with them, hearing their stories of how the Lord has been faithful this past year, participating in their struggles, hearing their requests. We don't always enjoy hearing about all their needs—so many of which we can't supply—but we get a new commitment to pray for them and trust the Lord's supply and timing and what he is teaching them in the process.

We are also anticipating a two-month visit from Friedemann soon, coming from Austria to develop services in remote locations and make technical aids available to some of our teachers.

Many of you pray for our health and we say thank you for that.

Praise the Lord for how He sustains us and gives us much grace and strength,
Penny Schering