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Dear Friend,

Technology can change the way people live. Cheap phones with limited functions can be purchased in PNG for less than twenty dollars. Pre-paid units on cards with a code hidden under a scratch off patch start at .70 cents and these allow calls for several minutes. People do appreciate their phones and families often have more than one phone. Thus, phone companies have profitable operations with their cell phone towers serving the cities and some of the rural areas.

In life many a good thing can end up being used for bad. All that is available on the world wide web can be downloaded in PNG at slower speeds and as in other countries people have their phones dominating their lives used for evil purposes rather than the good. This is particularly true amongst the young people who quickly adopt the latest new thing and become adept in using them without caution or restraint.

PIM has distributed thousands of books used in the mandatory Religious Education classes of High Schools in many schools throughout the country. These resources present Biblically based moral and ethical responses to questions and situations of today's world in Papua New Guinea.

Eric and Penny Schering have returned to PNG after several failed attempts impacted by the world travel constraints, and even though vaccinated, they have completed a required quarantine at a designated hotel in the capital city of Port Moresby. Penny just wrote of some recent contacts for book distribution made by Eric before they continued travel on to Lae and then Wewak.

"A deputy in the Education Department gave some contact info for two Port Moresby principals. Eric told them about PIM materials for their Christian Education classes. Both principals sent drivers to pick them up the next day! 750 of *Eleven Hot Topics* for Gordons Secondary High School and 510 to *Ten Hot Topics* went to Sogari National High. That will only be enough for 11th and 12th grades. When Eric asked the Sogari principal if the books would be taught by Christians, he said, "Oh, yes, all of our teachers are strong Christians"

"The Curriculum Advisor for the Education Department, who is putting together a syllabus for CCVE—Citizenship and Christian Values Education to be used in all the schools. They want specifically Christian values to be taught and chose only upstanding Christians to teach it! Eric's books have passed the vetting committee and will go through a second committee before they will actually be recommended for teachers to use alongside the curricu-



Peter Makpang stops the truck to make a phone call.



The current Member of Parliament from our local district being shown PIM Religious Education books by Eric Schering

lum. But he is appreciative of what PIM is doing to help supply schools with biblical materials at this point. He was encouraged to hear our stories of schools (and students) being transformed when teaching the Word of God is made a priority in a school for a few years.”

Eric and Penny also had reports from other school headmasters and principals about past book distributions which have had a good impact in the lives of young people. The Spirit of God continues to work in these students’ hearts and minds, and yes, results in lasting change in the way they live.

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, Hebrews 12: 1-2a*

Thank you for your contribution to make this ministry a possibility in Papua New Guinea

In Christ, Douglas Heidema