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Dear Friend,

On a television crime series, a detective remarks about his colleague's lack of Biblical knowledge, "haven't you ever been to Sunday school!" Sprinkled through the story were elements which indicated the episode writer must have attended some Sunday school while growing up. Sunday school is important.

As per custom in PNG, mothers sit on one side of the church with most of the children while the fathers sit on the other side of the aisle. During the first part of the service with the singing and such, the young children stay in the building but keeping them inside much longer doesn't often happen. The great outdoors beckons, boys and girls trickle outside to play and climb nearby fruit trees. Many years ago, Martha Kooyers saw this happen, and thus began her desire to get Sunday school classes started and supply local churches with resources and materials. She and her daughter Leah spent years in writing and refining the Sunday school lessons and activity papers at three levels which many churches continue to use even though both Martha and Leah are with the Lord.

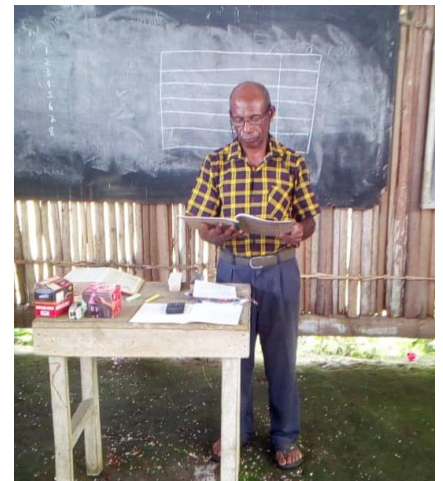
Etewe Gabi, had been involved with PIM's Sunday school program fifteen years ago before moving with his family back to his home province of Morobe. During August and September, he came over and led Sunday School teacher training outreaches at four locations. A total of 76 Sunday School teachers participated representing seventeen churches. Some of these were new teachers. Each year thousands of Sunday School booklets get distributed to village churches in places where PIM has no other outreach.

Sunday school at churches exposes children to some rudimentary Biblical truths at a level they can understand. It helps introduce moral and good behavior which the world does not, yet it can do even more. The Holy Spirit uses these "seeds" to bring these young hearers to a saving faith and relationship with our Lord and Savior.

Isaiah 29:18 In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see.

Many Thanks!

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Pictures from the Wogamush District course held September 6-10, 2021. 24 Teachers from four village churches.