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Dear Friends,

God promised Abraham in Genesis 22:17. *I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore.* We look to the future in glory when we shall see this promise's magnificent fulfillment. Yet I see a small glimpse in the vast network of people affected by PIM.

Just keeping track of all the adult children of the 50+ PIM employees' families would require some heavy-duty data base work. Some families have 8 children and additional grandchildren! Each year PIM supplies an education subsidy for employees and this has helped them send some of the children to higher education. Thankfully, many of these students have become teachers and have joined PIM. Others go on to careers in towns elsewhere, and can surprise a missionary by introducing themselves in these distant towns or even a village.



Jinnah Aimei teaches at Tongajamb Elementary; and she needed a ride to get some supplies at Ambunti. "I'm Justin's daughter," she said. The family resemblance to her father, who is a long-time employee of the mission, was very clear. "Sure, you can come but the river has dried up so there will be lots of walking when the boat gets pulled through the shallows." Jinnah brought two of her sons with her. In some spots the water was ankle deep and added 2 ½ hours to the travel, the upside --- the walking saved a gallon of fuel.

Dorcas Ministry has been offering sewing classes to village women in PNG since 2011. Presently they have two missionaries sent by Chinese Mission Mobilization. Kellen Hsu and Sandy Chao who were invited to teach a sewing class in Ambunti during May using the PIM training center. Their class ran for two weeks instructing twelve women in the morning and then twelve in the afternoon. Even though some of the women had prior sewing experience and wanted to advance immediately to the sewing machines, they all started with the basics with only a needle and



thread learning the various stitches, making and accurately following a pattern. By the end they all completed a small project of making a fabric lined purse with a zipper and they truly did appreciate the course. Women from several church denominations in Ambunti participated and every day during the class there was a devotional period of an hour to encourage them in their ministry to their families and others.



A number of years ago several churches in Ambunti built their churches with welded steel frame trusses. This year two village churches have enough money to undertake similar structures in their villages. This gives an opportunity to teach some welding skills. (They had to learn to stitch their welds) As of today five trusses are ready for the Yalaku Church and the trusses for two other churches are partially completed.

Thankfully, PIM can be a blessing to many in the community though other programs in addition to the various schools. Thank you for your support.

Yours in Christ,

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