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Dear Friends,

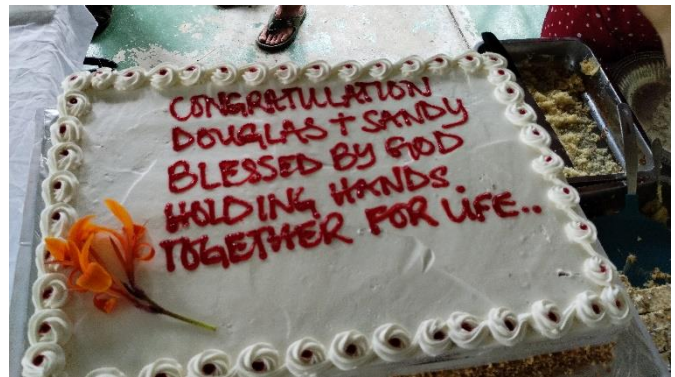
Almost fifty years ago classes were begun by Neal and Martha Kooyers in what was called the *Ambunti Akademi*. Many students were brought in from upriver villages for literacy education and housed in dormitories. In 1978, with over two hundred students to keep fed, each week it required two small truckloads of food which included sago starch, sweet potatoes, taro, greens and coconuts. After a while PIM phased out the boarding school and began placing teachers in small villages up the Sepik River and its tributaries. However, out of those early years of the Ambunti Akademi some of the leaders and teachers of PIM were chosen and developed. David Kasen and Rueben Wak were in that group.

Priscilla Kasen, the daughter of David Kasen, received her training at a Tauri teachers college where she met her husband. Both of them have taught school in Mt Hagen of the highlands for over a decade. Next year her husband will be joining PIM at Ambunti and teaching for PIM as the Kooyers Primary school which will for the first time have grade 8 students.

Currently, Priscilla is the head teacher at the Kooyers primary and elementary school with over 340 students taught by ten female teachers and one male. With her father working for PIM, Priscilla grew up in Ambunti and has a heart to see the mission school become the best in area and proclaim God's truth. This is also true of the other teachers- most of whom have had either a parent working for PIM or were educated in a PIM school. We praise the Lord for what He has brought about!

Isaiah 55:10-11 "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.





below from the Ambunti celebration:



