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Dear Friend,



"A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones." Proverbs 17:22

In the old black and white photos of our long-passed relatives rarely can a smile be seen. It was the fashion of those days. However even today certain cultures reluctantly share a smile and mistrust anyone who does. Granted no one walks around with a permanent smile plastered on his or her face. Yet who isn't cheered by the warm natural smile of someone who is happy and joyful?

The students (above) in their first year at the Kooyers Sodas School gave an unprompted welcoming smile before their teacher started class that morning. This year in the PIM school at Ambunti there was an enrolment of 320 and next year another class, the 8th grade, will be added. In all of the PIM schools there were 2,213 students taught by 56 teachers. What a privilege to have the input of Christian schools in all of these lives!

Another smiling student attended a sewing class and Bible story class in May taught to 24 women by Sandy Chao and Kellen Hsu. Later in the year Sandy and Douglas were wed.

Earlier in the year a record number of pastors (86) attended a course at Ambunti. There was a lot of joy and smiles shared amongst them when many met after not seeing each other for years.

Over 30,000 public high school students have books supplied and distributed by PIM for use in their Christian Religious Education classes. High School principals have readily accepted these books and the National Education Department intends to have even a broader number of schools included in their distribution.

PIM health services are available to a population of over 10,000 in middle section of the Sepik River basin.

We at PIM can smile with thanksgiving at the Lord's blessings throughout 2022 in PNG. These are just a few of the many we can remember. Yet we are truly thankful for your part in making our work in PNG a possibility.

"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace." Numbers 6:24-25

In this season we remember how God smiled on the earth and sent His Son, truly all mankind can rejoice

In Christ, Douglas Heidema

