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Dear Friends,

At the Kooyers Primary School in Ambunti a poster above one of the blackboards states, "IF YOU ARE HAVING FUN IN CLASS, YOU ARE NOT LEARNING". Though it is true that if you are goofing off in class you are not learning effectively, surely teachers would agree that learning should be enjoyable. Motivating students to learn is every teacher's challenge and a little bit of fun helps even the most difficult subjects.

Two busy weeks of in-service training for PIM teachers have been completed! Anne Thomas, from SE Asia, and her friend Christine, who is from South Africa, traveled across the globe to bring invaluable input to the course. Helping the 50 teachers brainstorm, they came up with creative ways to use readily available items to teach more effectively. During the evenings the teachers shared songs and actions that they use in each of their classes. The joyful noise of their singings and laughing was louder than the generator!

All teachers have gone back to villages where they work. The last teacher to leave the course was Phenuel Tek. He works in the most isolated school that PIM operates. Other teachers can travel by river to their allocations, however Yatoam only has an airstrip. On the same MAF aircraft as Phenuel and his wife were Charles Gasa and his wife. Charles had worked as a secretary in the PIM offices; he received medical training and now can go to his first allocation as a village health aide. Formerly the nearest medical attention took three days of walking. On this flight he took seven boxes of medical supplies. The people of this village are subsistence farmers without any cash crops to profitably transport by air. They are very poor and are thankful for both the school and medical outpost that PIM supplies.



Sandy's level two sewing class has just graduated. The women who attended worked hard to learn the proper way to make blouses and trousers. Even though the process was challenging, eventually the ladies were satisfied with the results. Additionally each woman also sewed a small storage bag which they were really proud of. Despite some complaining (because taking out stitches is not fun) there was much joy, and they are waiting to hear when level three will be happening.

Psalm 113:7-8 He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.

Thank you for your prayers and support in making this ministry possible.

Douglas