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Dear Friends,

The cloudy morning necessitated circling Ambunti a second time to properly approach for a landing on the one-way airstrip. Visible on the school grounds below was a thatch roofed shade structure that covered students waiting for the graduation and awards program to begin. The event finally started 45 minutes after the plane landed and when Doug with Sandy were in the line of invited guests walking to the podium.

The 8th grade class of sixteen students did not wear gowns but dressed smartly, the young men wore vests, neckties and long trousers and the young women had similar colored dresses. This first ever class now has graduated from the Kooyers Primary School –. In addition, to the graduation certificates handed out to the 8th graders at the assembly the other grades presented certificates and awards for first, second and third best to individuals for the different subjects taught in each class. Some parents would come forward with their child to receive the reward with others using their phones to take picture. The assembly with all the speeches and students' presentations lasted two hours longer than listed on the program sheet. Cultural events in PNG tend to follow this trend.

Most schools closeup the last of week of November and then have a long break for the next two months. Thus, other PIM schools also had graduations. Kesu Primary at Oum village followed Ambunti by a day and had a graduation. Our Manger Rueben Wak attended and spoke there. At other schools the elementary grade 2 classes have a graduation ceremony too.

We pray along with the parents that as these young people progress in their education, that God's Spirit would work and cause them to grow in the faith and knowledge of our Lord and Savior

We praise God for the blessings of this past year, and look forward to the coming the year that God may be magnified. Thank you for your support of PIM.



Hepsiva Wak gives class speech

Yours in Christ, Douglas Heidema



A puddle from a heavy rain didn't stop this class with their presentation at the Kesu



PIM manager Rueben Wak presents certificates at Kesu Primary 8th grade graduation.



Tongujam Elementary Grade 2 graduation of 38 students.



Teacher Albert Sailas with three other teachers receive gifts of appreciation from their students.



Teacher Tomas Jisaka also had a son graduate.

In December sunrises and sunsets no longer hide behind the mountains and hills of Ambunti. So, mornings and late evenings have a special low angle of the light which makes everything look bright, sharp and fresh. Photographers call these times for photos the golden hour. This earthly visual beautiful can make our hearts joyful. However just imagine the celestial beauties which await us in the new Jerusalem.

The shepherds watching their sheep saw and heard a heavenly host of angels saying, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased."

May the joy of the Lord fill your heart.