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Dear Friends,

As a teenager **Cathrine Tani** responded to the witness of a missionary and came to Christ. He said, "Read the Bible every day; read Christian books." Whether getting further education or teaching CRE (Christian Religious Education) or being involved with women's retreats, her love for the Word grew. Her prayers became rich with the Lord's promises. And all Cathrine's friends and neighbors knew she was always looking for a chance to put a good book in their hands, a book which had helped her grow.

A few years ago Cathrine moved from Wewak to Yangaroo Village to care for her aging mother. One night fighting erupted around them, and a young man was killed. Night after night retaliation gangs looted and burnt down houses. Relatives scrambled to move Cathrine and her mother to a safer place. Those weeks of terror passed; Cathrine stood in the Wewak Christian Bookstore reading Eric's new book on Judges and just cried, "God sees me; he has answers for me in his Word."

Two or three years ago Cathrine began attending the "Monday Council Meetings"—Come air your concerns, let's talk them through as a village." One day the village leader, the Council, asked "Is there a believer here who could pray for us?" Cathrine waited, but when no one volunteered, she raised her hand. Ever since then he has called on her to open and close the meetings with prayer. One day she felt prompted to start reading the Word along with the prayer. Later she picked up a few cartons of books from Joseph Ogmu, our manager in Wewak, and bring them around to different families in her village. She gave out *Ten Hot Topics* (in Tok Pisin). Three months later she handed around *Leadership for Melanesia*, then waited a few more months and distributed *David, A Man After God's Own Heart* (also in Pidgin). Gradually she saw the words of village leaders changing, decisions were becoming wiser. Cathrine is thrilled. She praises the Lord for what he is doing in her village!



Sunday, May 4, at 1:00 am, Cathrine woke up with an urgent awareness to pray. "Lord, protect us. Keep us safe!" She kept at it. Suddenly at 2:00 am a recently released prisoner, who had a grievance against Cathrine's nephew, started banging on her door. "Open up. Cathrine! I know you are in there with your Mother. Are you praying? I'm going to attack you and slice you up. I have my machete!" He yelled and screamed at her for almost an hour. As Cathrine called up Christian friends to help her pray, the Lord sent his angel to protect them. The man did not break down her door. At daybreak the Council came with that man in hand. "Come, Cathrine, we're going to the police together."

Please pray for Cathrine to be full of courage, to continue to spread the Word with power in PNG.
Penny Schering