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Dear Friends,

Beginning in December our staff in the PIM education department at Ambunti operated the duplicating machine, photocopier and printers at full capacity to prepare materials and booklets for the teacher training which started in mid-January. The machines cooperated, there was enough paper and ink, and with the staff's hard work, everything was completed in time. For three weeks a packed training session has been progressing now with over 100 teachers. A majority in the sessions are women who do volunteer teaching at their home villages for the children in the early grades or kindergarten. This helps prepare the youngsters for our other PIM teachers who teach the higher grades.

The theme for this year is "The teacher who discipless." Based on (Mathew 28:19-20). The emphasis is that teachers be true disciples of Christ and live Christlike lives setting a good example for their students. Thus, to



teach subjects in a Christian manner a teacher needs to walk the talk rather than just go through the motions. Some teachers report this year's training has made an impact on their lives making them reconsider the way they have been doing things and bring them to repentance.

Our returning instructors include, Raychelle and Kerry Bajjah, of the YWAM mission in PNG, who are teaching a major part of the session. Matilda and Clinton Sowano of PIM, with Prisilla Kasen of PIM also joining in the teaching. Anne Thomas, a missionary working in

Cambodia, has been instrumental in giving guidance to this gathering.

Before his passing last year, Friedemann Urschitz had contact with an Austrian family and they promised to come to Ambunti for a month. Both Sebastian and Rose Wernert are medical doctors and they with their two children arrived on the 26<sup>th</sup> of January. With the teachers in town, the Wernert's were worked into the training sessions to give five lectures on health matters.

On the way back from Taiwan, Sandy and Doug were informed of generator problems in Ambunti. The old standby generator was also barely running and it quit the first day the Heidema's arrived, but in God's provision a substitute part they were able to find on way back was installed and this allowed the genset to be generating power for time of the teachers training.

At times it feels as if we are in an uphill marathon longing to reach the crest and then having an easier time. Pray for PIM: Air travel to Ambunti is impeded by a lack of pilots for MAF, the airstrip in Ambunti is no longer maintained by the government and our PIM tractor is waiting a service part, a lack of law enforcement there are no police in Ambunti, and then there is no functioning local court system.

Yet we are encouraged by seeing our teachers who have been uplifted by their recent training. Reminding our self of the Great Commission given by Christ. To know HIM and make HIM known.

Yours in Christ

