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Dear Friends,

Many from rural villages come to Pacific Island Ministries office with requests. They often begin their request with a preface like the following, 'PIM has done something for other people or villages, so now it's our turn to receive help because we are even more needy.' Often their expectations exceed the capacity



of PIM. Our priority is to bring the gospel to all whether a village dweller or resident of a town. Thus, we work alongside different denominations that have planted churches, and for decades PIM has been active in trying to meet the spiritual, educational and physical needs of people in PNG. This assistance includes: educating the young in Christian schools in villages, offering pastors additional training and literature to enable them to improve their pastoral work, distribution of PIM published Sunday school materials, operation and management of medical aid post in villages, supporting village development with technical advice, logistics and construction expertise for water systems, clinics, school and church buildings.

This broad approach to missions started from the work of Orneal and Martha Kooyers. Neal often would say, "Do not withhold the grain," and "give of him who asks." Proverb 11:26 "The people curse him who holds back grain, but a blessing is on the head of him who sells it." Luke 6:30-31 "Give to everyone who begs from

you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. 31. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them." These verses taken to the extreme are radical! When we consider our state as sinners, underserving of God's grace and mercy, His radical mercy toward us spurs us to radical mercy and good works for others. It's hard to say, "No" however PIM must carefully consider the requests it receives from villagers. There are so many needs! After prayer and consideration and we are able to wisely uplift the needy in their development. We try our best, with God's help, to do the most good.

PIM operates with a very modest budget and does not have the newest vehicles, the fanciest buildings or equipment, highly paid employees, or an endowment. Yet each year the Lord supplies bountifully for the work in Papua New Guinea. We are most grateful for your generosity! Thank You.

In His Grace, Doug Heidema

