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Dear Friends,

Missionaries and mission employees in Papua New Guinea frequently have flights cancelled or delayed because of weather, fuel shortages or mechanical problems. These inconveniences can easily cause a human response of grumbling and complaining. In the book of Philippians, the Apostle Paul wrote about having joy in the midst of all things. Our sovereign God steers events and ultimately makes all things work together for good, when and as he pleases - in his time for those who love him. God is in control and nothing surprises Him.



Joel W. testing the tractor

Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.



End of June teachers come and give their reports to David Kasen at Ambunti

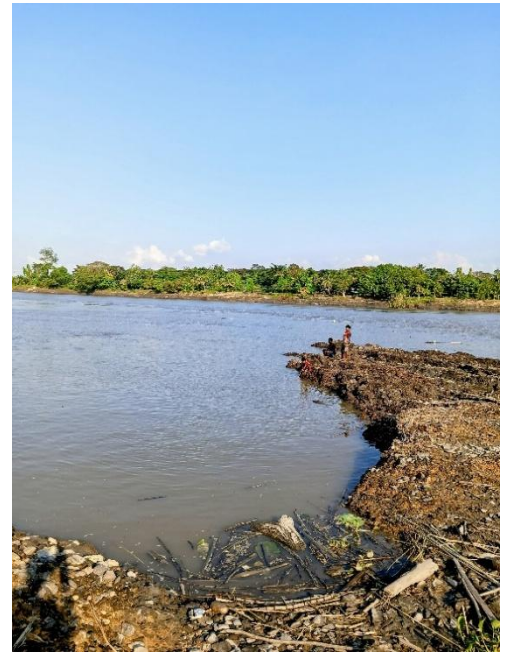
Past airmail or air freight service to Papua New Guinea from other countries was predictable and it took two to three weeks for a parcel to arrive. That has changed it now takes months rather than weeks. In April, three boxes of tractor parts were sent together from the USA and one arrived in Ambunti by mid-June. And then another parcel arrived, but it contained only book binding supplies (yes needed) but not good for fixing a tractor. The other boxes still haven't come.

The day before my scheduled departure our mechanic, Joel W. and I worked together until dark to get all the internal parts of the tractor together hoping that using a mixture of the old and new parts would be adequate. For Joel it was his first clutch service on the tractor and after I left it took him two more days to finish the repair. Happily success came, and the tractor works and again can cut grass with its slasher.

PIM in PNG has up to 60 paid employees. They range from the office staff in our departments for management, education, health, or church support plus the teachers. Then there are the carpenters, plumbers, and maintenance workers. And an additional 30 teachers and 10 health workers who work under PIM and are paid directly the government. Some of our employees are younger, we enjoy their inputs as PIM brings into our ethos and ministry.

I am truly thankful PIM has staff that can do repairs to keep the wheels or propellers turning and the lights on, which helps other aspects of our ministry function more easily. We thank you for your part in helping PIM to equip Gods people for works of service in Papua New Guinea.

Douglas Heidema



June dry season water level of
Sepik river



Truss preparation and welding by
Ishmael and Filca at Ambunti