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“Equipping God’s People for the Work of Christian Service”

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Dear Friends,

“A wounded pig attacked my brother!” While pointing to places on his own body where the pig bit his brother, the man asked, “Can you help us with a ride to the clinic?” The wounds clearly did need medical attention and prayer. Thankfully, despite the mauling by the hunted pig and multiple stitches at the Ambunti clinic, the injured man survived.

PIM helps the needy with transport to medical treatment by land, air, or water. Earlier this year, Greg Tapasup had a worsening growth along his jaw making it difficult to eat. He needed surgery and treatment in Port Moresby. His parents from the village of Tongajam could not afford the plane tickets and wondered how much longer their teenage son could live with the ailment. After Rients and Margaret Mazereeuw helped with funds and arrangements, Greg came back from the operation joyful and thanking God for his healing.



**Greg Tapasup before and after**



**2009 Village Health Volunteer training at Oum**



**Kerry Guavi, Richard Namuku, John Yuwar  
Community Health Workers**

The medical needs of those living far from clinics spurred PIM to develop a health program. Getting one or two people from each of several villages trained with medical skills allows more immediate attention to minor problems and often prevents illnesses from intensifying. Thirty-nine certified Village Health Volunteers (VHV) currently serve in remote villages where they treat malaria, bandage wounds, help with maternity cases, and use antibiotics. Margaret also reports that a recent course held in Oum during October upgraded skills for some of these VHVs.

A few years ago PIM selected some high school graduates and for medical training as Community Health Workers. PIM now employs four of these young adults as CHWs to work in different villages. The three, to the left, travel to Wewak for contact with the provincial Health Department and to obtain medical supplies. Assistant field manager Reuben Wak and Margaret work in conjunction with the Health Department to improve this program.

PIM sees the necessity of ministering to the whole person. Knowing that PIM offers assistance, many people come to us seeking help. Requests range from building school classrooms, water catchments, air strips, clinics, or churches to obtaining Bibles and materials published by PIM.



**Katherine Tani gives Wewak prisoners copies of *With All My Heart* supplied by OMK**



**Margaret shows CHWs a new tool**

In light of, “Give to him who asks of you, and do not turn away from him who wants to borrow from you” (Matt 5:42), requests require discernment and not an automatic “NO” reply. It means assisting the neediest first and then others if feasible.

Personal monetary requests are frequent. Many ask for school fees because, beyond the 7<sup>th</sup> grade, they can exceed a villager’s yearly income. PIM helps some parents by giving short-term employment. Loans for business activities, which often promise great returns, get turned down.



**Water tank for Nagri Bible School**



**Pamela Aiambu teaches her Nagri class**

PIM affects the lives of many in Papua New Guinea. Children learn to read. They and their parents receive Bibles and Christian literature published by PIM. Seminars and literature strengthen pastors’ ministries. Students receive training at two village Bible schools. Medical work and water systems promote health in rural villages.

Thank you so much for your part in making this work possible and helping others grow in grace and Christ’s knowledge.

In His mercy and love,

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