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I stand in constant awe as to what God is doing in the country of Papua New Guinea (PNG). Doors continue to open and schools are being reached with the Gospel and the distribution of the Bibles. Pastor Holmes and I flew to Kokopo/Rabaul area where we had shipped pallets of Bibles. It was a great blessing to work with Pastor Ronald Likius of Kokopo Bible Baptist Church. He is a retired military officer in the Papua New Guinea Defense Force. He trusted Christ as his Savior and has worked in this church for years. When the former pastor retired, the church called him to be their pastor. God is using him in a great way as he leads this strong church. We were able to do many schools in the area. At one specific school, God held back the rain until we were able to finish speaking. As I was closing in prayer, the rain began to fall. The students and teachers were overjoyed in receiving the Bibles and they said that God had not only given them His Word but also sent them the blessing of the rain because of us. Many of the places in PNG rely on the rain to supply drinking water for their homes and schools. I shared with them that we did not bring the rain but perhaps God was honoring them for their desire for the Word of God. Pastor Ronald has now been invited to come back weekly and teach the Bible to the students in the school. Praise the Lord for this open door!



Coach Michael Murum - Governor of East New Britain and me

While I was in Kokopo, God allowed me to meet with Coach Michael Murum. He is the former coach of the SP Hunters and the PNG Kumals, their World Cup rugby team. In the last election he was voted as the Governor of East New Britain Province. We have been friends for years since his coaching days when God opened the door for me to give devotions multiple times to his ball teams. Coach introduced me to the district leaders in the province and asked me to speak to all the district presidents of the provinces' LLGs (Local Level Governments). These presidents would be similar to our county mayors in the States. I was able to share the Gospel and our desire to help each of the schools in their districts to receive Bibles. Only God can provide these open doors of opportunities.

It has been our prayer and desire to travel to the province of New Ireland. This is an island province on the far eastern side of the country. I had made an initial visit years ago but very little distribution had been accomplished. We recently shipped pallets to the island. I appreciate Pastor Ronald Likius and Pastor Graham N'Drou for joining Pastor Holmes and me to fly by way of a very small plane over to Numatani and then travel four hours to Kavieng. God allowed us the opportunity to distribute thousands of Bibles in multiple schools, but sadly much more needs to be done. Please pray God will send forth laborers to this much-needed province. There is a great need for strong churches on this island and the doors are open. We will be returning again to continue distributing. Please **pray** God will raise up missionaries and national preachers to come to this remote area and start strong churches. Another open door, praise God!

Many times in traveling to other countries, one can easily become ill and just push through the best he can. Not long ago, I became so ill that I decided I needed to go to a local clinic in Port Moresby where I was diagnosed with "high count malaria." After seven days of medication, I was able to fly home because the Malaria was exacerbating other health issues I already have. In the early morning on the day after I arrived in the United States, I ended up in the ER due to dehydration and other complications and was then admitted into the hospital. The amazing thing is that the particular parasite (Plasmodium vivax) from the mosquito that caused my malaria is resistant to the medicine normally used by the doctors here. My doctor had to special order the medicine for the 21 more days of treatment. If my malaria outbreak had happened while in the United States, it would have been very difficult to procure the right medicine in time. The outbreak of malaria has affected my immune system and has caused my Meniere's Disease to flare. Presently, the parasites are not in my bloodstream, but my doctor has said he cannot guarantee that I am completely cured. He said the parasites can reoccur at any time or stay dormant in the liver for years. We are asking God for strength and healing as this project continues. Thank you for your sensitivity to the Holy Spirit as He leads you to lift us up in prayer. Words cannot express how grateful we are for all that you do. Sometimes it is only when we look back that we see God's handiwork and what doors He has opened for His children. It is an exciting life to live as Christians, knowing that God can direct our steps as we walk in His way. What door does God want to open for you this week?

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Pastor Ronald Likius, me, and Pastor Donald N'Drou



Landing in Numatani in New Ireland



Kokopo secondary school



Schools in New Ireland