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Dear Friends,

Dad has been back in PNG for over a month now. The first couple weeks he was laid low with a bad cough, but the procedure done on his heart when he was back in the States seems to have been successful. Communication with him back and forth has been sparse because internet service in Ambunti has been spotty, but he hopes to spend some days in Wewak after August 18 where the towers function better.

Praise God for two experts in teaching and literacy getting their heads together this month in Lynden, Washington, to strategize on how to bless our PIM teachers. Anne Thomas, who taught with Martha Kooyers in the late '80's in Ambunti and has been doing literacy in South East Asia ever since, is planning to meet with Jane Dotinga, an experienced grade school teacher who was over in PNG in April with her husband Mel and interviewed some PIM teachers. Anne is scheduled to be in PNG observing PIM schools mid-October till some time in November and hopes to return again during the teacher in-service in February. Thank you for your prayers for them—God's leading, protection, good health, the right teaching tools and methods to supplement what our teachers already know.

We thank God for Albert Sailes our PIM teacher in Tongujamb with Glen Pokote who will be the speaker for the National Day of Prayer Celebration (August 26th) in the Washkuk villages. He was the speaker last year too and saw a good response to the gospel preached as well as many who welcomed counseling with the Christians he had prepared ahead of time. He asks prayer for Jesus Christ to be glorified this year too and for God to bring many to himself through the work of the Holy Spirit.

We praise God for Chris and Margaret Wakuri's faithful service teaching in many remote villages from the very beginning of PIM's outreach to Sepik Villages. Recently Margaret has had a swollen stomach and when Wewak doctors operated August 9th, they were not able to do anything to help her. Pray for peace for them and for God's merciful healing. Paul's encouraging prayer in 2 Thessalonians 3:16-17 is good: "May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word."

The other day I listened to a promotional Missionary Aviation Fellowship (MAF) video, the upbeat chorus celebrated pilots, ground crews and supporters at home. Memories from my childhood came flooding back. Emergency flights, flights to and from boarding school, and trips to the city for supplies all possible because of those three groups of MAF men and women. If PIM had a catchy song each of you all, our precious partners in ministry, would be mentioned in it. Without your support behind the scenes none of what we write about would be possible. Please receive our thanks in words: Your kindness is most appreciated!

In His grace,
Michelle Hawkins