

## Get Together with Friends/Missionaries – July 31 & August 1

### The Gathering in Woodbury Minnesota

Theme: “60 Years of Blessing”

- What are long-ago friends doing now?
- What new books for GLC pastors/evangelists?
- What are Schaches up to this time?
- How are they doing: Steve Lutz?  
Terry Borchard?
- Timothy Lutheran Seminary, Birip
- Martin Luther Seminary, Lae

“The most important time at these gatherings is the time talking with friends from our missionary days.”

There will be lots of time for catching up on the friendships formed decades ago. Those bonds were very special as we did the work we were called to do. *Registration form on page 4.*

**In Addition:** A new edition of *Tok Bilip Bilong Yumi* was distributed. An author of the first edition, Dr. Waima Waesa, was honored at the distribution at Irelya. Also a new printing of *Liklik Katekism* has been given to pastors and evangelists.

**TLS Birip Renovation:** Roy & Judy Schache will be at Birip, beginning around May 23 to do much-needed renovation. That will include new water tanks and pipes, *pitpit* (grass reed) siding, and more.

**Short Courses for Pastors:** In August, 2008, four members of the Rall family were in PNG for the “Launching” of the Ipili New Testament. Ron also conducted short courses for pastors and evangelists.

More short courses were given, January and February, 2009, by Anton Lutz and Harvey Kath. Pastors and evangelists want more courses.

More details on those topics and others at the gathering.

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#### New Editions:

#### *Tok Bilip* and *Liklik Katekism*

A new edition of *Tok Bilip Bilong Yumi* (“Our Statement of Faith”) and the second edition of *Liklik Katekism* (“The Small Catechism”) have been printed for pastors and evangelists of the Good News Lutheran Church (GLC) and the Evangelical Lutheran Church-Papua New Guinea (ELC-PNG).

#### Original *Tok Bilip*—and 35 Years Later

The original edition of *Tok Bilip Bilong Yumi* was published in 1972, by Kristen Pres, prepared by:

- 1) The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea,
- 2) The Wabag Lutheran Church,
- 3) The Siassi Lutheran Church,
- 4) Lutheran Mission-New Guinea,
- 5) New Guinea Lutheran Mission-Missouri Synod,
- 6) Australian Lutheran Mission.

That’s: Three Church bodies; three mission societies; and Kristen Pres.

In 2007, the following were involved:

- 1) The Evangelical Lutheran Church-Papua New Guinea,
- 2) The Good News Lutheran Church, Printed by Darnsutha Press, Bangkok, Thailand; published by Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF). How things change in 35 years!

#### *Tok Bilip*, Second Edition

The second edition of *Tok Bilip Bilong Yumi* was published in 2007, a task undertaken by Dr. Willard Burce and Rev. Kinim Siloi, pastor in the ELC-PNG. The two pastors also prepared an English diglot edition, *Tok Bilip Bilong Yumi-A Statement of Faith*. (continued on page 2)

**Liklik Katekism, 2005**

The first edition of *Liklik Katekism-Stadi Buk Bilong Sumatin Wantaim Tisa*, and the English, *The Small Catechism-A study Manual for Learners and Teachers*, was printed in 2005 by Openbook Print, Adelaide, Australia.

Distributed in September, 2007, to both Lutheran Churches, there were not enough copies for all pastors, evangelists, and students.

**Liklik Katekism, 2007**

A second edition of *Liklik Katekism* was published in 2007 by Lutheran Heritage Foundation.

**Future Printings:**

Dr. Burce wanted to know if additional copies of *Liklik Katekism* should be printed for distribution to “Heads of Households” the group for whom Dr. Martin Luther prepared *The Small Catechism*. The reply was a resounding, “YES!”

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**New Testament in the Ipili Language**

On August 13, 2008, the Ipili New Testament was “launched” in the Porgera with 3000 in attendance. Rev. Terry Borchard had completed the work to which he had dedicated his life. That, in spite of the cancer he had, which was discovered in early 2007.

After the crowd had assembled in the football stadium, Terry made his entrance in the helicopter the gold company has based in Porgera. The Honorable Peter Ipatas, Member of Parliament and Governor of Enga Province paid for that ride.

**More Precious than Gold**

Other speakers had their say. Then Terry rose to speak—in Ipili, of course—and the crowd broke into long applause. With the gold mountain and processing plant looming behind the grandstand, Terry reminded all present:

“The gold you people know so well here someday will go finish (disappear). But God’s word in this Book will never disappear.”

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**“Isaiah” and “Matthew” at Martin Luther Seminary (MLS)**

“We have scheduled you to teach Isaiah and Matthew for Term 1, the 2009 school year.”

Reading that in an email from Rev. Greg Schiller, Dean of Studies, MLS, Lae, the PNGMS Board approved Harvey & Norita Kath to go to PNG again.

They had gone, Term 1 in both 2005 and 2007, teaching Isaiah and Matthew in 2005, Isaiah and Preparing to Preach I in 2007. Dr. Jeff Gibbs, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis MO, has been very helpful in arranging the Matthew materials.

**Instructor Evaluation**

MLS Principal (President) Rev. Giegeri Wenge, has introduced an evaluation of the instructor, done at the end of the Term. And it proved to be very helpful.

In addition to appreciation to have a “lapun missionary” (old missionary), some of the 13 students in Isaiah and 24 in Matthew commented that the assignments were too big and they did not like the daily quizzes. (Sound familiar, teachers?!)

Eleven students were in both courses and some were taking three additional courses! Recommendation: Students should take a lighter class load if they take one or both these classes.

**MLS Library and Little Book Store**

The retired librarian put her skills to good use at the MLS library. The former librarian, Rev. Walter Yalamu, died, September, 2008, and Mrs. Dakis Mosek (MLS graduate, an Engan) was filling in. She appreciated the help Norita gave her.

Rev. Greg Schiller (Australia Lutheran Church) had set up a bookstore in the lower level office of one of the houses. Even before the Kathes got there, he had asked if Norita would take care of it. She did.

“It is a great honor and very humbling to serve in PNG again in the name of all the lapun missionaries,” Kathes want everyone to know.

## PROJECTS, PROJECTS, PROJECTS! FINANCES, FINANCES, FINANCES!

### THRIVENT MATCHING FUNDS:

- **GLC Pastors' Books**
- **Renovation at TLS, Birip**
- **Short Courses for GLC Pastors**
- **GLC Students at MLS**
- **Bibles for MLS Students**

Your Thrivent Matching Funds can help those projects—and more!

- **GLC Pastors' Books**

The distribution of the new editions of *Tok Bilip Bilong Yumi (Our Statement of Faith)*, and *Liklik Katekism (The Small Catechism)* was planned by Anton Lutz and carried out by him and Harvey Kath, Jan. 14 – Feb. 5, 2009. The two met with leaders of the GLC Regions, traveling up and down the Lae Valley and out as far as Porgera.

The PNGMS treasury needs donations to replace those costs.

- **TLS, Birip, Renovation**

What does Timothy Lutheran Seminary (TLS) look like now? The buildings' pitpit siding? Metal water tanks? After 40 years? Roy Schache surveyed the campus in 2006 and determined the extensive renovation needs.

Beginning May 23, Roy will get crews working on the renovations. Judy plans to do HIV Hospice work with a grant from Lutherans in Medical Missions.

More funds are needed to cover their travel and the general repairs.

- **Short Courses**

Ron Rall conducted short courses for pastors and evangelists, August, 2008. Anton Lutz and Harvey Kath presented several more when distributing the new books.

The pastors and evangelists are begging for more short courses.

With more funds, the PNGMS can provide more courses.

- **GLC Students at MLS**

The last four years, the PNGMS paid one-half of student fees for the GLC students at Martin Luther Seminary (MLS).

The cost for 2009 has gone up to 412.50 kina (\$150) per term. The Board has approved 2009 payment for Term 2 only (April-June) for the 14 GLC students: A total of K5775 (\$2080).

If assistance will continue, PNGMS will need more finances.

- **Bibles for MLS Students**

Students have been issued an *NIV Study Bible* each year; then return it. Graduates left without even so much as their own Bible!

Individuals and congregations have helped students purchase their own *Concordia Self-Study Bible*. Then the Texas District LWML gave a big boost toward the project, expanding it to include *The Book of Concord-Readers Edition*, and other study books.

Students pay part of the costs—three-day's wages, common-labor: K30 (\$10.30), toward the cost of a Bible, for example.

This project is funded for several years!

- **A Thrivent GivingPlus Gift Form** is available from Jeanne Dicke, [jmdicke@usfamily.net](mailto:jmdicke@usfamily.net) Thrivent will match up to \$600 of a contribution of that amount or larger. Some PNGMS members have given \$1000/year. Let's see: 200+ PNGMS families ..... Could we ever do more projects!

**SWIT MOA YET – Cookbook Fundraiser**

The long awaited revision of **SWIT MOA YET** from the original NEE YAGENGE PII DUPA book and the SWIT MOA cookbook will be available at the PNGMS bung this summer. The committee established at the St. Louis bung has combined the best of the best 500 recipes from both of the original books. The padded hardcover book includes a history of the Gutnius Lutheran Church in PNG, some pictures, and incorporates the colors of the PNG flag.

The *Special* introductory offer for those attending the 2009 PNGMS Bung is a **donation of \$13.00 each**. Any other orders will be available for a suggested donation of \$15.00 per book plus postage. All monies will go to sponsor future mission projects in PNG. **Please contact Mary Anne Rall** at [Rallpela@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Rallpela@sbcglobal.net) to order/reserve your copies, or for any questions.

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**Registration: 60 Years of Blessing**

Papua New Guinea Mission Society—Biennial Conference, July 31 – August 1, 2009  
Woodbury Lutheran Church, 7380 Afton Rd. Woodbury, MN 55125

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**Please enclose the Registration Fee of \$50.00 per person.**

This includes **4 meals**: Dinner on Friday, breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday.

No discount for missed meals.

**Please make checks payable to:** Papua New Guinea Mission Society with “Bung Registration” on the memo line.

**Send form and fee to:** Papua New Guinea Mission Society  
ATTN: Jeanne Dicke  
P.O. Box 28356  
Oakdale, MN 55128

**Accommodations:** Hampton Inn, 1450 Weir Dr., Woodbury. Phone: 651-578-2822. **Call them to make your own reservations.** The rate per night is **\$89.00 +tax** for a double non-smoking room. This is rate is **guaranteed only until June 30<sup>th</sup>**. Tell them you are with the “PNGMS” (that is the code word for our block of rooms).