

Helen (Jenke) Walter 1968-1970

Growing up, my love for Mission was fueled by Mission Sundays. I answered a letter written by friends and was accepted as secretary at the Highlands Printshop at Mambisanda. My ticket only went as far as Mount Hagen and my trunk took six months to reach me, and I had also lost my suitcase – my introduction to PNG.



In 1968 I started working at Highlands Publishing Co. – later to be called Kristen Pres Incorporated – Highlands Branch. It was a little scary using an electric typewriter for the first time, and one of the regular jobs was typing Bible Stories in Enga. I was so thankful I had Ishmael to proofread the Enga, and he could also speak English.

My work boss Orv. Hein, my house mates Joyce Zobel/McKenzie/Starick, and Judy Faber made my working days enjoyable and memorable. As a single person I was able to see a large area of the mission. It is 50 years since I came home. I live on a farm in my birth area with my husband Vic, and, having raised 3 children, we are now enjoying our 11 grandchildren.

Vic and I have enjoyed two visits back to Enga – 25 years ago together with Murray and Edith (Frieberg) Thomas – and in 2019 with Judy and Roy Schache, joining them at Birip. Vic and I have also done short term volunteer work in other cultures, and so mission is in our heart. Our church at Victor Harbor, South Australia and our surrounds continue to be our home mission field.

