

**Recent News and Memories from Dean Russel
Via email from son Paul Russel – through Betty Feist to PNGMS**

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Sent: Saturday, December 12, 2020 1:14 PM

To: 'Betty Feist'

Subject: RE: Deane Russell inquiry

Hi Betty,

Sorry. I was going to reply earlier but I had to rush Dean to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital on Thursday afternoon with heart problems due to dehydration. He Just will not drink or eat. He's on an IV drip to bring the fluid levels up.

It seems to be working, but I haven't seen him move and talk in an understandable way for many days. He can still comprehend that he has to eat and drink, but all that he wants to do is go home. Tracey and I have been telling him constantly to eat and drink. We've tried everything but Dean's dementia has gotten worse since the bad fall in October.

Please find the attached several photos that form a part of Dean's memories of PNG, some with bamboo and grass-roofed homes. They have been converted from slides.

1. New Guinean Church at Mambisanda with original grass roof.
2. New Guinean woman's house being made. Unknown location.
3. New Guinean woman's house completed.
4. Grass roofing the Church at Yaibos.
5. Joinery Shop – Dean Russell, and Mechanical garage – Bill Day
6. Mission staff at Amapyaka annual conference late sixties.

One of the funniest moments Dean remembers is when the missionaries living at Yaibos were going to "tin kettle" Trevor and Linda Starick when they returned to the station from their honeymoon. Dean had organized old paint tins to beat, and he and Bill Day had rigged the ambulance siren under their bed with a matchbox switch placed under the mattress to trigger the siren.

All the Yaibos personnel gathered at a designated time in the cow paddock across the road from Trevor & Linda's house. Lorry Merchant approached, and Dean asked if he would like a paint pot to bang. Lorry responded, "I've brought my own bang" and produced two sticks of gelignite which was let off in the paddock.

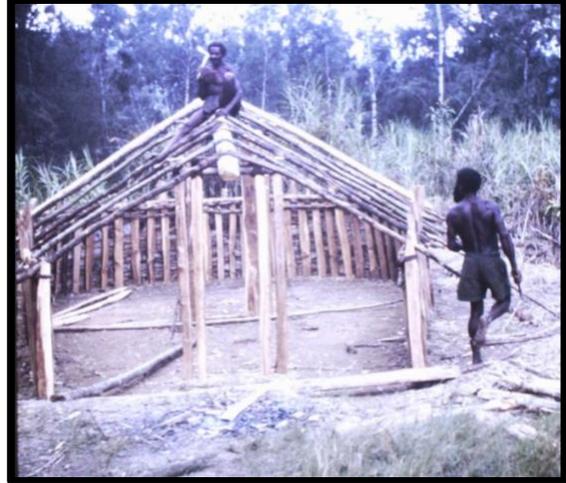
All the Best.

Sincerely Yours,

Paul



Mambisanda Church



Woman's house being built



Woman's house complete



Roofing the Yaibos church



Yaibos Joinery and Mechanical Workshop



Mission staff at annual conference at Amapyaka late sixties