

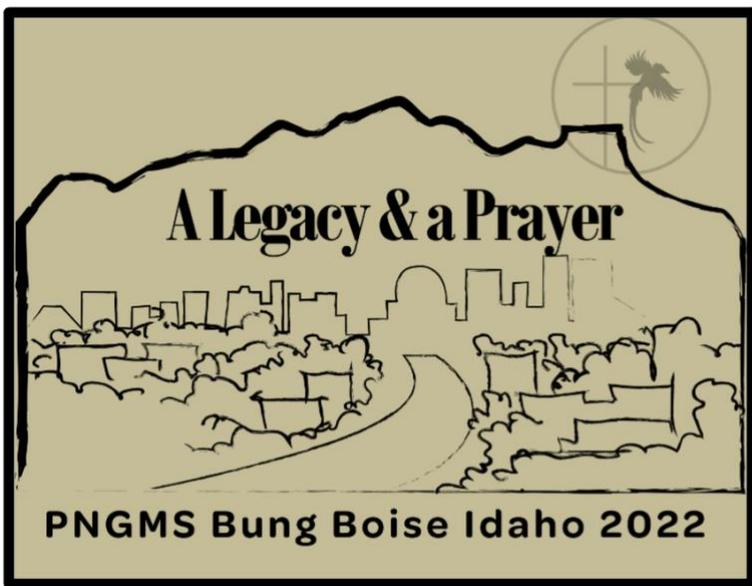


Papua New Guinea Mission Society

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PNGMS TCK Bung: A Legacy and a Prayer: Boise, 2022



- July 1-3, 2022
- Friendship Celebration
Lutheran Church,
Meridian, ID
- Third Culture Kids Focus
- A Legacy and a Prayer
- Guest – Ruth Van Reken
- 12 plus Guests from PNG
- Mission Festival – July 3
- MAF – Zip Line - Rafting

Call to Serve

This is a time of transition for PNGMS, and the PNGMS Board is in need of volunteer members and officers. Both the current Secretary and the Treasurer are stepping down as of July this year, and new talent is needed to help PNGMS meet the challenges of the future, perhaps even design a new paradigm for how we can best continue to serve the GLCPNG and God's overall mission to His people here on earth. Talk to a board member.

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Let us return and visit the brothers (and sisters) ... where we proclaimed the Word of the Lord and see how they are doing. Acts 15:36

Letter From the President

Recent Rall Trip to Enga

Dear Members and Friends of PNGMS,

Our motto says, “Let us return to the brothers (and sisters)...” and Ron and I were finally able to do that in January of this year! What a joy to return to PNG after a 2-year absence. The visit was well worth the many hoops through which we had to jump! So many covid tests and permissions slips—it was like going on a grade school field trip! Although there were many warnings about Covid, we really didn’t see evidence of it around Birip and Timothy Lutheran Seminary. Several people came to our door with definite Covid symptoms, but all the tests I did were negative. Bad colds and scabies were rampant, but no covid! The 21 Seminary students wore masks when they weren’t feeling well and we talked about covid a lot; hopefully, they will keep covid protocols in mind.

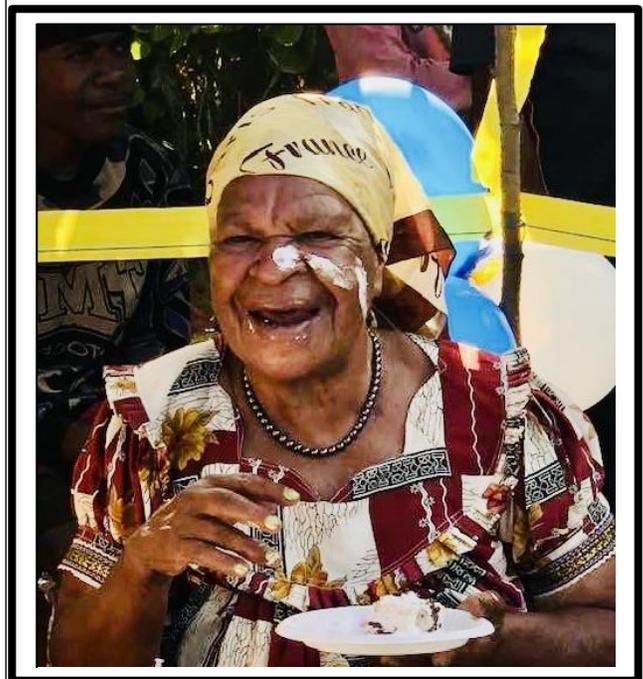


The PNGMS house was in pristine condition after two years of inoccupancy—except for a couple of hundred dead cockroaches and layers of dust. Some of our food was still edible—and some wasn’t! Unfortunately, we did not have power for the three months of our stay. The only real inconvenience was not having refrigeration. Even the generator had problems (picture at left).

Ron taught three classes (12 hours of class time) during the week and on weekends we were privileged to visit many congregations and participate in quite a few neighborhood happenings including Kuniam’s 75th birthday (picture below), a reconciliation for a 30-year tribal fight, and installation of several groups of teachers. We will have a more complete presentation of our time in PNG at the bung.

We have some exciting happenings coming up in PNG on our next trip! Dr. Shirley Miske, an international educational consultant and her husband, Dr. David Lumppp will be coming for a month in September to assess the educational system operative in the GLC and especially at Concordia Lutheran School, Lakolam. I think they will be a real blessing to the GLC of the future! Jacob Luke has generously offered to fund their travel and we thank him for that!

Also, Krista Adler Young will be coming for 5 weeks in mid August to work with teachers in presenting the container load of books from CPH, full of Bible Story books and workbooks for schools in the GLC. More books from the Lutheran Heritage Foundation are on the way and the pastors are eagerly waiting for additional copies of the newly revised Enga liturgy and katekism and the Liklik Katekism as well as other Pidgin materials. Ron will again be teaching at the seminary; he is working on a student handbook for Revelation as I write this! One other guest in August will be Aimee (continued)



**Bring your thinking caps to the bung.
We need to plan the future of PNGMS.**

Cima, the LCMS mercy coordinator for the LCMS in Asia. Our prayer is that Aimee will see the need for a theological educator and advocate on behalf of the GLC. And it goes without saying that everyone at Birip and elsewhere will be excited to greet the Schaches in mid-September after their long covid absence!

We are excited to see everyone in Boise in July—whether in person or virtually! We realize that expense is prohibiting many from attending, but please tune in and participate as you are able! There are 13 guests from PNG coming, hoping to travel to, St. Paul and St. Louis after the bung. If you are inclined to assist the group financially with their expenses in the USA, there will be a chance to do so at the bung. Pictures below show students at Timothy Seminary (left) and Birip children in front of the Seminary chapel on Palm Sunday.

God i stap wantaim yupela olgeta!
Mary Anne



Selected Pictures and Recent Information



HLIS from the air: thriving with both new and old buildings after reconstruction following devastating fires. Check the HLIS website hlisengapng.com or their Facebook page.

In Memoriam since 10/2021 (Revised Memoriam list at the Boise Bung)

- 2022 - Dave Kuhlman
- 2022 - Charlie Burce
- 2022 – Rev. Ernie Smith
- 2022 – Richard Adler
- 2021 – Naomi Hoff
- 2021 – Rev. Fred Rengsdorf
- 2021 – Felicity Lumsdaine (MAF)

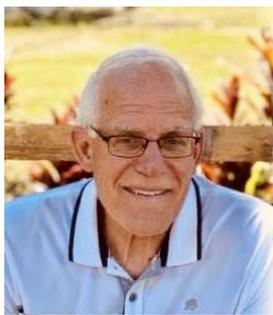
Please have a look at the recently developed PNGMS website. It includes a menu of PNGMS history, missionary memories, a collection of PNGMS Newsletters and pictures from all of the bungs from 1998 to the present: pngmissionsociety.org



Jacob Luke's Mukures House, Lakolam

PNGMS and Friendship Celebration Host a Mission Festival, Sunday, July 3

**765 W. Chinden,
Meridian, ID**
9:00 a.m. – Worship
**10:15 and 11:15 – Mission
Presentations**
12:00 – Barbecue / Potluck



Rev. Ron Rall will be the guest speaker at the Mission Festival worship service, employing the theme “God’s Light Shining in the Darkness.” Rev. Rall is a 1973 graduate of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis and spent the first eight years of his ministry in Papua New Guinea. Then after achieving his STM in 1983, he served with the LCMS Board for Missions in communications and then for thirty years as the pastor of Timothy Lutheran Church in St. Louis. In his retirement, he is serving again in Papua New Guinea as a seminary instructor with the Gutnius Lutheran Church. He and his wife Mary Anne were married in 1975 and have been blessed with six children and seven grandchildren.

Krista Young (ne Adler) is a missionary kid, born in Papua New Guinea, who earned a degree as a Director of Christian Education (DCE) at Concordia, St. Paul, MN. Then after several years serving with congregations in Missouri and North Carolina, she and her husband served the LCMS in the mission field for five years in Kenya and Ethiopia. She currently serves the LCMS as the Partnership Coordinator Africa Region. There she works to strengthen partnerships between various ministry teams, US congregations and groups in Africa, as well as to support short-term and longer-term missionary persons to the African continent. Her work in the US involves helping congregations to understand the African context and build meaningful relationships across continental borders. As a part of the July 3 Mission Festival, she will be sharing information about her work with the LCMS in her role as facilitator between US congregations and churches in various parts of Africa.



Ruth Van Reken, co-author with David Pollock of *Third Culture Kids: Growing up Among Worlds* (1999), and this year’s guest speaker at the PNGMS gathering, will also be sharing her extensive international experience at the Sunday



Mission Festival for the Friendship Celebration community. Ruth was born and grew up in Kano, Nigeria, where her parents were missionaries. Her family heritage includes grandparents in Iran, an aunt in China and other relatives in other countries. She spent middle school, high school and college years in the USA and then went with her husband David, son of missionaries in China, to serve for nine years in Liberia. She has traveled extensively studying and sharing information about the unique characteristics and challenges of persons who grow up and live in more than a single culture. In today’s world of ever-mixing cultures and people moving between cultures, her knowledge is invaluable.