



# The Ottosens

# Missionaries to the Kamea People of Papua New Guinea

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## Ministry in Komako

Although Mother's Day is not celebrated in PNG, it was a memorable Sunday in Komako. We saw three people call on the Lord's name for salvation and nine others follow in believer's baptism. Amongst those baptized was **Novi** and his wife, **Marilyn**. His wonderful testimony was referenced in our last update. Another married couple (**Ems** and **Elonika**) were also baptized together. There is great encouragement in seeing more families reached with the gospel and following the Lord together.

Two weeks ago Pastor Jack and I sat down with **Geson**. As is common in our country, he has long dwelt on the fringes of various religions. Geson had a mixed bag of beliefs stemming from exposure to Catholic, Lutheran and Seventh Day Adventist proclamations. It was apparent he had thought much about the issue of salvation but was not ready to put his faith in the Lord alone. Last Sunday Geson returned after church and asked the Lord to save him from his sins. What will always stick in my memory is the urgency that flooded Geson immediately after petitioning for God's forgiveness. He repeatedly asked us to pray for his wife's salvation. How serious and urgent ought we all be for those we love dearly?

## Ministry in Port Moresby

In April, I was invited to preach a 3-day missions conference in Port Moresby at **Shalom Baptist Church** (SBC). This year SBC is broadening their missions program by supporting missionaries beyond the borders of Papua New Guinea. The congregation was receptive and responded to the word of God. It was a special occurrence to meet a young man who had been both saved and discipled at SBC; now being supported by them as a missionary to Indonesia! That country contains the largest Muslim population in the world.

## Pidgin Bible Project

A word of appreciation is in order for all who gave financially towards the **Pidgin Bible Project**. The effect of this project has aided in the salvation of people in Komako (Geson) and other ministries of Gulf Province.

We returned to Port Moresby this week to deal with termites discovered in the container of remaining Bibles. Some boxes were affected but the damage was less than I had expected. With the help of Missionary **Collin McDonald** the termites were exterminated. Then we went through the boxes and inspected each Bible by hand.

Pastors have expressed how carefully they distribute scripture, not wanting to expend all their Bibles too quickly. While the thought is understandable, I respond, "It is never a waste to hand God's eternal word to an eternal soul: lost or saved."

This incident has encouraged more churches to get involved by acting as a hub of distribution to other ministries. Loads of Bibles were shuttled to these various locations. They have been calling me this week reporting of how eager churches have been to use the Pidgin New Testaments. Some want six boxes, another ten. God's word will not return void, this will bear eternal fruit in Papua New Guinea.

I met with **Pastor Gershom** who voiced his need for Bibles on north coast of the country. He told me how difficult it is to start new ministries because of the shortage of Bibles. He reminded me of the reality: the spiritual need always exceeds the physical supply. We covet your prayers about completing the Lord's purpose in reaching every creature with the gospel.

In His Service,

*Jason, Cherith, Grace, Melody and Hannah*

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