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## Pastor Rall's classes are FINALLY in session



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### TIMOTHY LUTHERAN SEMINARY

Birip, Enga Province

#### The Students

There are currently 32 students enrolled at Timothy seminary from many language groups — Enga, Duna, Ipili and others. The common language is Melanesian Pidgin. There are four classes with eight students each. Students in the third-year class are serving their vicarage (or internship) — when students are sent out to work in a local congregation. Until recently, the students had no textbooks, but thanks to YOU and the Lutheran Heritage Foundation, that is changing!

#### Where is Birip?

Birip is about 10 kilometers east of the Capitol city of the Enga Province, Wabag.



After a five-month wait for our visas, we finally arrived in Papua New Guinea on Sept. 15, just as the seminarians began a three-week break. Ron was able to visit several bush congregations to conduct workshops and classes on Baptism, the Holy Spirit, witchcraft issues, stewardship, important doctrines of the Reformation and the work of the pastor. He also spent time meeting with the five faculty members to decide which classes he would teach during both the current term and the term beginning in February, when we will return. Ron's call is for two

months, two times each year, so we will be going to PNG for the first term (February through mid-April) and the third term (mid-July through September.) Although there are many challenges, it's uplifting to spend time with the seminarians and see their zeal for spreading the Word of God in PNG. We are so thankful to be part of this ministry and grateful to have all of you as our partners. Please pray for the students and their families. The long separations are difficult, but necessary until the budget can be increased.



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## PLEASE PRAY...

- that the Seminary's budget could be increased so that more students could enroll.
- that tribal conflict would cease.
- that the accusations of witchcraft and the resulting torture of women and children would end.
- that the arson attacks at Highland Lutheran International School would stop so that the teachers and children could feel safe.

## GIVE THANKS FOR:

- the approval of our work permits and visas.
- the opportunity to work with the students and teachers at Timothy Lutheran Seminary.

## PRAISE GOD FOR:

- eight new pastors in the Gutnius Lutheran Church!



Pastor Rall teaches 90 pastors and evangelists during a pastors' conference.



The Highland Lutheran International School administration building lies in ruins after a fire in late October. Arson was suspected.



Pastor Rall preached at the congregation at Topakmanda. To his right is Pastor Jeremaia, a recent seminary graduate who has been serving Topakmanda for six months.

“Let us return and visit the brothers ... where we proclaimed the word of the Lord, and see how they are doing.” Acts 15:36

In Christ,  
Ron and Mary Anne Rall



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