

SERVING THE LORD IN

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

NEWS FROM REV. RON AND MARY ANNE RALL



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TIMOTHY LUTHERAN SEMINARY CURRICULUM

One of our goals this year is to get more biblical classes into the curriculum. Ron's schedule included classes in Genesis and Revelation.

This year he encouraged the other five teachers to prepare handbooks for each of their classes. Since there are no textbooks, this enables each student to have an outline for the class and space to take notes. It's hard to imagine a school with no textbooks, but this is the norm rather than the exception in PNG.

One of the other missionary churches has a center for printing materials and this has been a blessing for the seminary. We are now able to print books in the country and not have the expense of transporting them to PNG.

STUDENTS FAMILIES

Because of the shortage of garden areas at the seminary, it is not possible for families to come with the students. This year, however, the fourth-year students are bringing their wives to the seminary for the last term.

Thanks to YOU, we are able to make this possible.

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Building up the Body of Christ

We have just returned from another exciting term at Timothy Lutheran Seminary in Papua New Guinea. Although the fight against *sanguma* (witchcraft) continues, there is a lot of good news to report! Many Baptisms are celebrated, new congregations are being formed and new churches are being built. We are continually strengthened by the strong faith of the people with whom we work and are grateful to be working in this place.



Marie Dicke

From top, the student body of Timothy Lutheran Seminary; and Pastor Rall distributes Holy Communion during Divine Service at Lakemanda.



PLEASE PRAY...

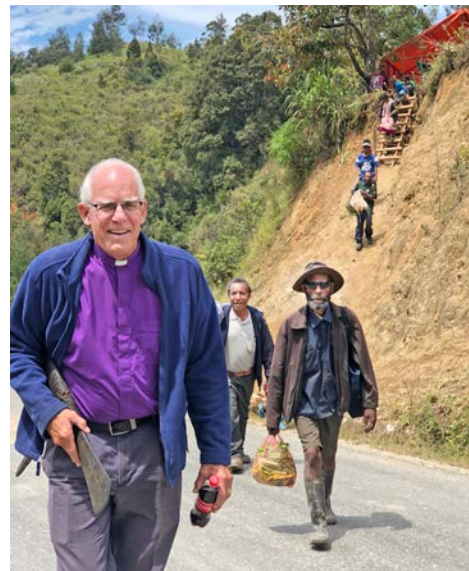
- that the Gutnius Lutheran Church may be united under ONE bishop in the near future.
- that the seminary might find resources to accept many more students from remote areas, such as the Hewa, the Penale, the Nete and the Lyaim.
- that the dream of supplying students with tablets/iPads might become a reality so that students have access to books and other resources.
- that tribal fighting may cease.

GIVE THANKS FOR...

- dedicated business people to fulfill needs in the church.
- committed Christians who support the seminary financially, prayerfully and physically — with manpower in the form of gardening, carpentry, labor and the supply of goods.
- hearts overflowing with love for the seminary and its students.

PRAISE GOD FOR...

- the desire and ability to be present in this place — Papua New Guinea.
- supporters who enable us to be present.
- a sturdy house in which to live, generous neighbors who help with vegetables and an individual who supplies a truck for our use.



Top, Mary Anne distributes reading glasses at Tambitanis congregation. Below, celebrating construction of a new church in the Muritaka circuit.

“And in Him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by His spirit.” **Eph. 2:22**

**In Christ,
Ron and Mary Anne Rall**



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