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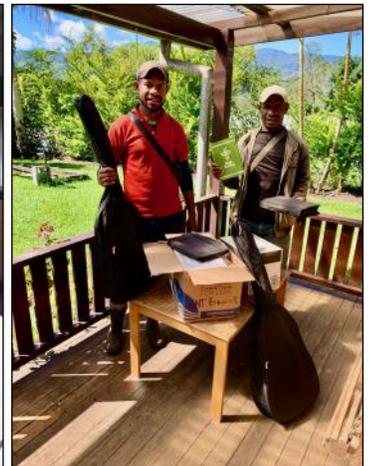
Endings and New Beginnings

By Martin Dicke

Above is a picture of children from Wamapisa Lutheran Primary School at Yaramanda holding pictures depicting stories from the life of Jesus. Last year we gave them a set of these pictures published by Concordia Publishing House in St. Louis. There is such a great need for materials such as these in the school's year.

These past few months have been months of endings and new beginnings. In December 10 pastors graduated from Timothy Lutheran Seminary at Birip and now are serving parishes in various parts of these rugged mountains. After a couple of months holiday, schools now are beginning. Despite a lack of materials, they do the best they can with a "biro" (ball-point pen) and an exercise book (a lined book for taking notes).

A new Church Year is underway and pastors have eagerly received a copy of a commentary on the Matthew lectionary (Series A) in Tok Pisin, the *lingua franca* of PNG. A faithful lady of the Gutnius Lutheran Church passed away on her way back to Lae after spending Christmas with her family in Sirunki. She now is singing with the heavenly choir. Soli Deo Gloria!



Above and center left: Graduates of Timothy Lutheran Seminary receive their certificates in December; Center right: Pastor Peri Ken prepares to fly to his new parish at Wanakipa; Right: Pastors eagerly receive a newly republished commentary on the Matthew lectionary (Series A).



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In an aviary in Port Moresby.



Dakis Kosi



Above: Celebrating Martin's birthday; Center: Funeral of the late Dakis Kosi, a woman from Sirunki who was with the LCMS mission from the beginning; Bottom: HLIS 2020 teachers ready to begin a new school year.

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