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Ways to help:

Pass the PEP web address to your friends.

Photocopy the newsletter and distribute to groups that would be able to support us.

Pray that we can improve the lives of many Papuans

Contribute financially by sending contributions to the above address or email.

PEP TALK Feb 06

Mission Statement: To provide an opportunity for hard working, motivated Papuan students to attain their educational goals in a Christian environment by providing financial support where no other resources are available. Our vision is to provide students an opportunity to earn a degree, find gainful employment and become leaders in their own land.

Message from the President

by Chris Brannick

During the last several months I have been preoccupied helping Katrina survivors in New Orleans. I've learned that there are two kinds of people, those who look forward to the next adventure God gives them, and those who cling desperately to the past. The people who are not faring very well are those that say, "I want everything back to normal, like the way it used to be." The people who are making the best of a bad situation are the ones that are saying, "I am excited about what God has for me next. Things are going to be better than they were before." When we have nothing and are totally dependant on God, he is able to work miracles in our lives. I have seen healings, relationships restored, and people all over the city turning their lives to God. In fact, despite the fact that so many people left town, our church is more crowded now than pre-Katrina.

In many ways Katrina survivors are a lot like our highland Papuan students who walked to the coast with nothing but the clothes on their backs looking for a better way to live, to get an education, and to move forward. They are totally dependent on God for the food they eat, the clothes they wear, and the roof over their heads. They left their 'comfort zone', their village huts, their sweet potatoes, their songs, their beautiful mountains and had to make tremendous adjustments on the coast to a whole new way of living. I have a new perspective since the flooding and the looting in New Orleans. The words of Jesus in Matthew 6:19-21 have a very real meaning to me these days:

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasure in heaven where moth and rust do not destroy and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

My prayer for you is that each one of you will have treasures in heaven as you find joy in generously giving to those in need and that 2006 is your year of jubilee.

Treasurer's Report 2005

by Frank Allen

During 2005, the generous contributions of our donors allowed PEP to provide \$21,195 in funding to the Yali and Kwamki projects. The Yali project supported 32 students attending schools in the Jayapura area, providing school fees, dorm costs and food to help these students further their educational goals. Annual average cost per student was \$380.

The Kwamki project supplemented the basic education of 150 elementary students, emphasizing reading, writing, math and Bible studies. Support provided contributed to the operational cost of running the program, the purchase of a laptop computer and projector to enable efficient and effective teaching, and renovation of a donated building that will provide permanent classroom facilities. Average annual operating cost per student was approximately \$67.

2006-The PEP Board of Directors approved a grant budget of \$23,000 for 2006 as follows:

- \$12,000 to fund a 32 student program for the Yali project;
- \$10,000 to support the operating budget, furnishings for the Kwamki project;
- \$ 1,000 to provide a scholarship to a local Papuan university student.

Our budgets will be updated quarterly to take into account rising costs in Indonesia, unexpected expenses arising during the year and funding commitments from our donors.

Twenty-three additional students are waiting to get into our Yali project program should additional funds become available. The PEP Board voted not to make promises to the additional students until funding is assured to fully support all students. PEP's 2005 financial report can be found on PEP's website at www.papuaneducationprogram.org .



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Meet Our Students

Our students are always asking for the opportunity to thank PEP and its contributors, below are a few of their stories and how your contributions are helping them achieve their educational pursuits.



Name: Gesi Kobak DOB: 1979, April
Place of Birth: Holuwon Parents: Deceased—no siblings alive
School History: 1990 – 1996 SD Holuwon
1996– 1999 SMP Wamena
1999 – 2002 SMU Wamena
2002 – Now Post-secondary (Sentani)
Area of Study: Christian Education

Testimony:

Before PEP I worked very hard at school and due to the kindness of the staff I had my school paid for. Then I moved from Wamena to Sentani to continue with post-secondary schooling. That is when life got hard. I had no money and no scholarships. I knew that God would not let me down for he is the God of all and Faith can overcome anything. I had no money but I trusted God would open the door. The last day I had to pay for school or drop out PEP arrived and Iain and Diana paid my bill. Since that day until now I have never had to worry about school or money and on the 11th of January I graduate. Can you imagine – I was one day from being kicked out of school and today I stand on the threshold of graduation (tears!) . The entire time I had a roof over my head, food on the table and school paid for. God is good and amazing! Thank you God and thank you PEP and Iain and Soleman.

I want to get a BA and go back to teach in the Holuwon schools. They need local people who care about them and understand them to return and help them. In all this time no one ever helped me (while in Sentani) except God and PEP. I have no brothers or sisters alive and no parents. God helped me through PEP and I must enter into God's service. God bless you all!



Name: Fenira Kobak DOB: 1984
Place of Birth: Holuwon proper Parents: Father deceased, mother living
School History: 1987 – 1993 SD Holuwon
1993 – 1996 SMP Wamena
1996 – 1999 SMU Jayapura
2000 – Now Post-Secondary (Sentani)
Area of Study: Business and Office Admin.

Testimony:

I was born in Holuwon and did my initial schooling there. I moved to Wamena and did more schooling there and eventually moved to Jayapura. I have to tell you that before PEP it was HARD! Let me tell you what I had to do to pay for school.

A friend had introduced me and my friend Lina to a Manadonese couple. They were Christian and ok. They were not mean but they worked us very hard and in exchange we had a place to stay and food and a bit of help with school fees. School was in the afternoon so we would wake up at 4 a.m. and start cleaning the house and cooking. After we were done by maybe 10 a.m. we would then go and look for odd jobs elsewhere to raise money. In the afternoon we would go to school and then after that we would go straight home. We could not do school work right away so we had to work cleaning the house, cooking and so on. We had to work or be ready to work for the family until they went to sleep which would be 10 p.m. at night! Then we could do our school work. I was always tired and stressed. There was never any time to rest and our study time was so limited.

Thank God for PEP! I now live in a dorm where I still have chores but not nearly so many or so often. I can focus on my school. I am actually enjoying school for the first time, life has gotten better for me.

Thank you.



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Name: KALEB BAGAU Age: 8 yrs, Grade: III, SD Inpres Kwamki Lama
Tribe:Moni

I am very happy since I joined KBMY, as I usually manage to win a prize for studies. We like the teachers at KBMY, because they don't get mad at us. It is harder for us to study at our regular school. , KBMY makes it easy for us to study we can ask the teachers to explain when we don't understand . I am very happy that KBMY has opened a TK (Kindergarten) in Kwamki Lama and I really hope there will be more Kindergartens and other KBMY schools in Kwamki Lama.

Name: Erlin Gwijanggi ,Age: 9 yrs Grade: I, SD Inpres Kwamki Lama Tribe N'duga
Now that I learned how to write, read and do math at KBMY I entered grade I of Junior High School. I am really grateful to KBMY for helping me to learn and paying my SD tuition fees. KBMY teachers are good teachers, they do not mind coming to our house to pick us up if we do not show up, not like the SD teachers who never do that. At our regular SD school it is more difficult, as no explanations are given, but at KBMY we are given examples. I want to become a better person and hope that KBMY may always be there to guide me and help me use my education. I pray KBMY will expand with Junior and Senior High Schools in Kwamki Lama.



Name: Rabinus Gwinangge 7 yrs Grade II, SD Inpres Kwamki Lama Tribe: N'duga

Since I joined KBMY, I have become a better student, especially in math. I am at the top of my class because of KBMY teaching me math.. We feel very close to the teachers and they really care about us like our own parents do so studying at KBMY is easier than at other school. I want to become a doctor.

Comments of a parent of four current and former KBMY students

Name: Agustina Lokmbre Age: 48 Tribe: N'duga

I have four children who all attended class at KBMY. They are all good students and they all listen to their teachers. Now two of my children attend college in Bali thanks to KBMY's teaching and guidance. I think KBMY is good for Kmaki Lama people because the children who before could not write, read and do math, now can. KBMY recently opened their Kindergarten in Kwamki Lama and I am hoping they open more schools so all students can learn. Thank you very much for helping our children to learn.



God bless all of you for your donations and prayers , we hope for your continued support through 2006.

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