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Website News
www.papuaneducationprogram.org

Visit the website for information on:

- History of PEP
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Ways to help:

Pass 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 Sept '05

The Story so far...

PEP is a non-profit Christian Organisation whose primary objective is to create opportunities for local students to learn and to become model citizens for the Papuan people.

PEP is operating 3 main programs:

The **Yali Project** is financing the education and support of 32 students from small villages in the remote central Jayawijaya mountains who have come to the Jayapura area to further their education in primary and high schools, technical schools and in some cases universities. PEP covers an average annual cost of \$315 per student.

Your contributions contribute

to paying student school fees, renting a dorm for housing, providing food, and enabling our administrator in Jayapura to provide spiritual support by leading weekly Bible study sessions.

The **Kwamki Project** supports the teaching of 150 elementary age students in supplementary fundamental education and Bible study at an average annual cost of \$65 per student. The Kwamki Project employs 1 full time teacher, 10 part time teachers and an administrator.

The **Scholarship Program** is in its infancy and the board is exploring ways to implement it successfully.



Yotamina's story .

I liked school, but my parents had little money, so it looked like I was going to drop out. My dad was in school too, so it was very hard. But then PEP came and started helping us. I am only in grade school, but I hope now I can go to junior high and high school. Maybe I can be the first girl to get a S1 (BA).

NOTE: For more personal stories please check the website.

Future Directions

PEP is ambitious in the financial goals it has set for 2006. PEP intends to more than double the budget from \$11,000 to \$26,000. This increase takes into account an additional 23 students into the Yali program; replacing the original dorm with a larger dorm that will house more of our students comfortably; provisioning of the dorms with

sleeping mats, pillows and blankets, the purchase of a printer, office supplies; increases or additions to allowances for utilities, school fees, school supplies, and transportation. The support additions that we are proposing are modest. For example, we are increasing food, utility, and dorm expenses from \$2.38

per month per student to \$3.54 per month per student. We are confident that these support improvements will provide a better environment for learning. **In addition**, the Kwamki project will be renovating a secure building enabling children to have a regular meeting place for bible studies.

PEP President Chris Ajamiseba and her husband Dan, in addition to their support of PEP activities, have started an outreach to support Katrina hurricane victims. Their efforts are supported through the ProvisionNetwork. Please remember them in your prayers. If you would like to help these efforts financially or need more information, please log-on to www.ProvisionNetwork.org.

