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This season of the year has been incredibly busy, and we are grateful for the blessings we have received.

I was recently preaching at Morata Baptist Church in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea (PNG), on Jonah 2:8, They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy. This was part of Jonah's prayer while in the belly of the great fish. The lesson being taught is that those who trust in empty idols are ignoring God's grace and mercy. A young man, Jeffrey Saso, in an attempt to get to church,



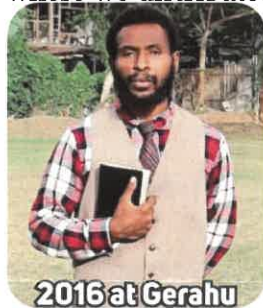
Jeffrey testifying

accidentally took the wrong bus. Determined to attend the service that morning, he finally took the right bus and walked the rest of the way. After the message, he came forward at the invitation and shared how as a twelve-year-old boy he had prayed a prayer but was not truly saved. He said his life had been full of empty idols, drugs, alcohol, and a broken marriage. He testified, "I was a real rascal. When you preached on Jonah, I knew that's exactly what I was and deserved to be punished." He was grateful for the opportunity to hear the Gospel and to truly be saved. I had planned on preaching a different message that day but God impressed on my heart to preach on Jonah. We serve a great and gracious God! Please pray for Jeffrey as he comes to church and grows in the Lord. There are so many temptations in the world.



Jeffrey Saso

One of the joys of the Bible Project is to see young people who have received Bibles get saved and grow in the Lord. One such young man is Jeremiah. He was a student at the very first school where we distributed the Bibles eight years ago. After he trusted the Lord as his Savior, he began speaking to his fellow students about what God had done in his life. Some might remember that in one of the first videos that we made, he gave his testimony. I am happy to report that God has called Jeremiah to preach. He has gone to Bible school and now leads the singing and is in charge of the youth at Morata Baptist Church. He also fills the pulpit when needed along with helping with the PNG Bible Project, speaking to young people and handing out Bibles. This young man is excited about the things of the Lord.



2016 at Gerahu

This is fruit to your account (Philippians 4:17). God is so good. What a blessing, amen, and amen!



Jeremiah at Morata Baptist Church

I am also happy to announce that a container of 35,000 Bibles arrived at the end of November. These Bibles have traveled a long way by ship to reach the port in PNG. After much work at the wharf and working with the customs agents, I can gladly say, "Praise the Lord, they made it safely!" These Bibles will be distributed to students in the Eastern Highlands Province.



During this time of year, we are reminded of God's ultimate gift—*And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, And they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us* (Matthew 1:21–23).

As always, thank you for allowing us to be part of your missions outreach. May you have a very Merry Christmas and a blessed and prosperous New Year serving our great Savior!

Sincerely,

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