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Dear Friends,

The Minimib New Testament is with the printers! It was rather grueling work, especially the last six months which involved working long hours six days a week. Most of this time I was reading through the New Testament aloud from beginning to end several times to enable Lindon to listen and comment. Since we only recently designed an alphabet for Minimib language, Lindon is not yet able to both read the words *and* grasp the meaning of what he is reading, but reading it aloud to him enabled him to understand it and make suggestions for improvement.



During June and July we conducted training courses at Dusin for 89 people. The first course was for 57 current Living Word school teachers and staff, the second for 32 new trainees. There was a very good spirit among the teachers. It was encouraging and refreshing to see their enthusiasm. Because there is no first aid post within 25 miles we supply teachers with some basic medications. When we came to Dusin we brought small fish with us to stock the fish ponds we have taught the teachers to make. In time this should improve nutrition.



Three of the new school buildings are now completed, and two others are in the process of construction. The teachers cut pandanus palm leaves to repair their dormitories. The roofs do not last long because they are not in constant use. If they were used every day the smoke from the fire would preserve the roof.



We have repaired our own village house by completely replacing a wall which had rotted because of frequent driving rain. One stormy night we got a surprise when part

of it fell down. We put new layer of bamboo on another wall that was also badly in need of repair.



On July 22 we leave PNG for six months. Please take a moment to correct your address book. Thank you for your partnership in getting a step closer to our goal of reaching a generation of Haruai, Kobon and Minimib for Jesus. Without your prayers and support we could not be here.

In His Love and Grace,

John and Maila

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