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Pray that we can improve the lives of many Papuans

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

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.

Car Wash Raises Funds for PEP

Volunteers Gerald Meyer, Noel Routh and Cathy Garz in conjunction with the ISKK School, organized a car wash to raise funds for PEP. Parents, staff and children of ISKK and Brody Delcambre and Yulianus of the Freeport MIS Department turned out to clean, vacuum and wipe down 17 cars this past Saturday. Hats off to the volunteers, contributors and Pangasari Utama for their generous participation in this event. US\$500 was raised from washing cars with an additional US\$1,000 in donations contributed from other PEP supporters.



In addition to the cars getting a wash looks like a few of our volunteers got a shower as well.



KBMY Christmas Party

by Frank Allen

I had the pleasure of attending the KBMY Christmas Party this past Saturday, held at a Church in Timika. I witnessed absolute joy in the hearts of over 150 Papuan children as they enthusiastically sang songs about our Lord Jesus Christ. I nearly lost it when they started singing, "God loves Daddy, God loves Mommy, God loves brother, God loves sister, and God loves me!". These kids sang song after song in perfect pitch, clapping their hands, and with big smiles on their faces. Many of these kids eat one, maybe two meals a day at most, but they all came dressed in their Sunday best, looking forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus and being recognized for their academic achievements. A Bible verse memorization competition and a spelling bee were held. The winner of the spelling bee won a shiny new bicycle!

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\$10,000 in play money was handed out at the end of the party to the kids based on their academic achievement. A store was set up in the church garage for the kids to spend their hard earned dollars on food, drinks and toys. I nearly lost it again when I saw several of the kids sharing their money with their brothers, sisters and friends. What a wonderful way to get kids involved in a real life lesson in meritocracy, Christian charity and have a great time as well. PEP donations and KBMY's dedication have improved the lives of each of these children from the Kwamki Lama Village and undoubtedly some will become future leaders in their community.

Merry Christmas—*Frank Allen*



Top competitors spending their well deserved winnings on snacks and drinks.



All who participated in the competition and celebrations came away winners !

KBMY Building Renovations Nearing Completion

The new KBMY facility in Kwamki Lama , Timika is nearing completion . The building was donated to KBMY but lacked many basic features necessary for use as a school. Financial assistance from PEP and other KBMY benefactors allowed KBMY to build bathrooms , an office , install electrical wiring , lighting , floor tile, windows, doors , paint and roof repairs all of which have been completed. With the additional funds raised by the car wash and direct donations PEP can assist in the purchase of furnishing to truly make this a great learning environment for the kids.



KBMY School Facility in Kwamki Lama



Frank and Hadi inspecting the renovations.



Emiliana, Hadi and Frank in one of the newly renovated classrooms.

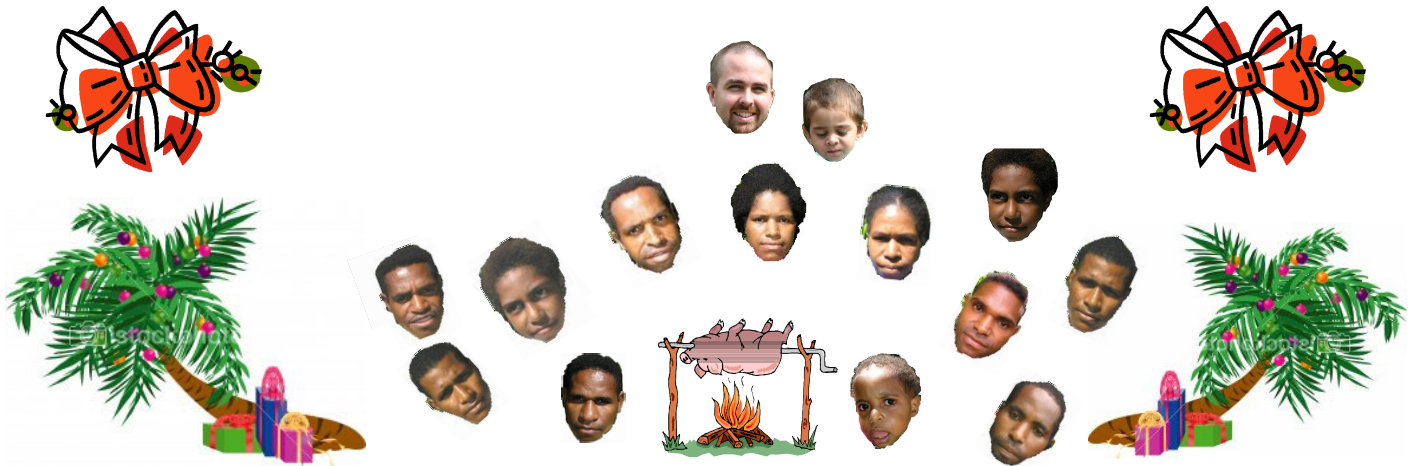


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Yali Update

It has not been an easy year for the Yali students. There has been a fair bit of illness and even a death resulting from an unidentified ailment. However the good news is that they have continued to study and produce good results. This last May we had 7 students graduate high school and advance to post-secondary schools. Next year (May) we will have one additional student graduate high school and enter university and 3 students graduate from university.

This holiday season for our Yali Kids we are planning a Christmas party under the palm trees at one of the local reef-encircled sun-kissed beaches! As is tradition we will roast a pig and thoroughly enjoy ourselves as we celebrate the birth of Christ and enjoy a brief rest period.



Over the past two months, PEP supporters have contributed or pledged over \$12,000 towards our 2006 target budget of \$40,000. Thanks so much for your generosity and God Bless You!

The Board and Students of PEP would like to wish you a very

MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND A

HAPPY NEW YEAR