



Tehillah News

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Partner with a Pastor

You may be already sponsoring a child in a third world country – and that's great. But have you ever thought about sponsoring a student Pastor?

Here at Tehillah Ministries we have launched a new program which we call "Partner with a Pastor" – it's more than just sponsoring someone in a far away place. We'd like you to become really involved with developing a strong, prayerful relationship with a Pastor, or Pastor's wife, who is attending our course of studies over a three year period.

Tehillah Ministries currently has 70 students in Bougainville, Papua New Guinea doing our course which is based around a seven module program. Some students have completed up to Module 4 while others have just begun Module 1. There are many more Pastors and some other Church leaders on Bougainville who are waiting to begin the course but at the moment a lack of finance is prohibiting further development of our training program.

That's where we need your involvement. A local Pastor and his wife care for hundreds of people in isolated villages right across Bougainville. Sometimes they feel very alone, many times they need words of encouragement. If they knew that there was someone in another country praying for them specifically it would mean everything to them. If letters were to arrive from overseas from a Christian brother or sister expressing real love and concern for their situation it would make all the difference in the world. To know that someone is helping them to receive the training that they need, to equip them to do the Lord's work more effectively, would move them to tears knowing that someone cared!

It costs just \$44 per month for Tehillah Ministries to provide the training for each student. **Can you help us to provide this training?**

If you are willing to "Partner with a Pastor" you will receive a kit containing a photo of "your Pastor", a profile telling you about him or her and a letter of instructions. You can put the photo on your fridge – or perhaps use it as a bookmark in your Bible.

We would encourage you to write to your Pastor as often as you can. Letters do not have to be long but it is important to use simple English. Share prayer needs with your Pastor and words of encouragement. We would like to encourage you to build a personal relationship with your Pastor – in other words adopt your Pastor as part of your family. That's how they will view you!

Perhaps you are unable to partner with a Pastor personally but your Home Group or Church might be in a position to adopt a Pastor. Share this idea with them. Get excited about it – it's a wonderful way to become part of the life of a Christian brother or sister in Bougainville.

If you would like to "Partner with a Pastor" an application is available on-line at www.tehillah.org.au/pp or email us at pp@tehillah.org.au.

Pastor's Profile



Gordon is one of the Pastors waiting for someone to partner with him for his training.

NAME: Pastor Gordon Billiam

STUDENT No: 011

VILLAGE: Hetal, West Buka

DATE OF BIRTH: Unknown

SPOUSE: Thelma

NUMBER OF CHILDREN: 5

COMMENTS:

Gordon Billiam is pastor of the United Church in Hetal Village which is situated on a small island off the west coast of Buka. He began the Pastor's In-service Course in 2006 and had completed four modules by October 2008. Gordon is a dynamic preacher with a great love for the Lord, and the people God has given him to care for. After completing Module 1 in 2006 Gordon began implementing the teaching and saw a wonderful transformation of lives in his village.



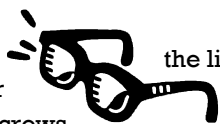
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A Note from the Chairman....

Do you wear glasses?

Have you ever lost one of
or the arm that fits over your



the little screws that holds in the lens
ear?

I recently lost one of these screws
and the lens fell out of the frame.
Fortunately it didn't hit the floor.

How have you fixed your glasses when that sort of thing happens?

Probably what I have done in the past, - given it to someone else to fix.

However this time I couldn't. I was well away from the shops and my wife was away for the week.

Fortunately I had a repair kit with a small selection of screws and a screwdriver, but how does one replace a tiny screw with a tiny screwdriver when everything is out of focus?

Fortunately again, I managed to find an old pair of glasses that were just holding together, and although things were still a little out of focus and the battle to replace the screw went on for over an hour, I finally triumphed.

I guess it's like that in the area of the spiritual too!

Lose your focus and you can't see to get the job done.

Nor can you always hand the job over to someone else to fix, because they have their jobs to do.

What's my point?

Tehillah's focus is to "Equip the Church", and whilst this can happen in a variety of ways it is happening specifically through our training modules for Pastors in Bougainville.

My challenge to all members of Tehillah Ministries, including myself and my fellow Board members, is this - to ask the Lord to restore our focus. Maybe we need Him to give us a new prescription, or to tighten loose screws, or simply to clean us up a bit.

Please consider Partnering with a Pastor and/or becoming a Heritage Building Society communitys@ver member. (a separate letter has been enclosed for those with Heritage Building Society in their area)

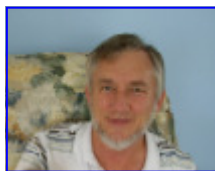
With focus the task will be quicker and easier.

Yours in Christ,

George Dean
Chairman Tehillah Ministries Inc

Trivia: You thought the Inc. at the end of Tehillah Ministries was an abbreviation for 'Incorporated' didn't you? But what about 'I now C'? Or perhaps "Involvement now Clear"?

New Treasurer



Tehillah Ministries welcomes Roy Vickers to the position of Treasurer. Roy brings a wealth of knowledge and it is great to have him as part of the team. He lives in Hervey Bay with his wife, Margaret.

AGM

Tehillah Ministries had a great time of fellowship at the AGM on Saturday, 14 February.

Quite a few people came along for lunch at 12 noon. The meeting kicked off at 1.30pm with 33 people being in attendance.

A lovely afternoon tea was shared after the meeting with a special 59 +1 cake for Ernie Gunders as he was celebrating his birthday on 17th February.

Thanks to all those who were able to attend.

Ernie & Marilyn Head To Bougainville Soon!

Ernie and Marilyn are leaving for Bougainville a little sooner than they anticipated. An early departure will enable them to fit in with the schedule organized by the Church in Bougainville.

Below is the planned itinerary:

18th March - Brisbane to Port Moresby flying Virgin Blue.

19th March - Port Moresby.

20th March - Port Moresby to Buka flying Air Nuigini.

23rd March - Travel by road to Kekesu.

24th March - Module 2 begins with about 21 students.

9th April - Module 2 concludes.

14th April - Modules 3 and 4 begin with about 40 students.

1st May - Modules 3 and 4 conclude.

14th May - Buka to Port Moresby.

15th May - Port Moresby to Brisbane.

Prayer & Praise Points

- Prayer that Ernie and Marilyn will be able to complete all the preparations for the upcoming trip .
- Prayer that all the Pastors will be able to continue with their training.
- Praise for the response to date for the "Partner with a Pastor" program and that God will touch more people to be involved in this way.

**Outlook
Missions Conference
Mt Tamborine
14-15 March, 2009**

**Come and say hello!
Tehillah will have a
display at the
conference.**

Don't forget to tell us if you've changed your postal or email address!