



Outreach International of Papua New Guinea

## FIRST QUARTER REPORT 2007

This quarter went pretty much as planned in the 4th quarter report. We have enjoyed getting back out to Samban and into the real work. I say real work because the pastor and church leader workshop was a chance for us (Jesse) to really challenge the Christians here to follow in the footsteps of Christ. The workshop was based around the books of 1st and 2nd Timothy.

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## PROJECTION FOR 1ST QUARTER 2007

We are still hoping to finish off the roof of the Samban bridge though much will be dependent upon community help in making the roofing material. Jesse will be doing more timbering to finish the classroom. Some repair work to the kitchen and bathroom in the Pryor house as well as some work on the old Church of Christ Mission house will also be on the slate for early in the new year. We will also be hosting a couple of short term assistants for PBT; they will be staying in the mission house learning Pidgin and helping with a few literacy projects. Karie will be working to finish print the materials the teachers made in the October course and distributing them to the local prep schools. We also are planning a pastor/church leader seminar/ Bible study for February 12-16.

### JANUARY

We came to town in January to assist PBT in the time of their annual meeting. We ran a VBS geared for the children of the PBT members in the day time. While we were in town we received word that funds were given specifically for the purchase of a boat and motor for medical runs and solar panels which we purchased. The boat was driven back to Samban loaded with town goods and a new pig. When we returned back to Samban Jesse fixed the old water tank.

### FEBRUARY

In February we hosted a pastor and church leader workshop which was attended by 48 pastors and leaders from various churches in our tok ples (talk place) area (same language group). The workshop was well received and another is planned to be held in 6 months time. The house over the bridge was completed in February protecting it from the weather. Jesse also started a course for men wishing to help in the milling that is ongoing. March- Jesse continued the sawmill course and testing. We hosted PBT short term assistants for two weeks. In this time they did a lot working with the women here on an Ap Ma study guide for the book of Luke. Jesse and his men went to Kambot, another village in our tok ples area, and did two weeks worth of milling to get timber for the new generator house and to repair the classroom as well as posts for the future center. Unfortunately during this time he developed some kind of skin reaction to the sawdust or sap or something which eventually took over about 2/3 of his skin. We left two days early to go to town and get cortisone shots to help him heal. It was about 3 weeks before he recovered from that. While we were in town we had a Tsunami scare where Madang was asked to evacuate about 6 hours after the danger had passed and nothing came of it but a day of wide spread panic and theft and illegal activity. Jesse did maintenance on PBT vehicles and also replaced screen wire on a house and changed a few light fixtures for them.

## PROJECTION FOR 2ND QUARTER

We plan to be doing a lot of milling, building site preparation, finishing the study guide for the book of Luke and working on the outbound road to Yamen and Simbri. We will probably have to have a trip to Wewak for supplies as we are planning to remain out in the village from April to July. We will also have a trip to Gandep (a Bible School) to drop off the short-term assistants. We also plan to go and check on a TPPS school in Yamen.