

Melvyn & Carol Brown

Missionaries in His
service 'til He comes



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Greetings!

The past few weeks have been a little turbulent around our house regarding Carol's condition. She came very close to going home to be with her Lord. But that wasn't His plan, giving us more time with her, which we praise the Lord for. Please continue to pray for both of us.



Just before Christmas there was a large gathering at the annual gift distribution center in the Birmingham area. Many of my soul-winning friends were there giving out Gospel tracts and doing personal evangelism. There were many who received Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.

I was not able to be there for this event but I was able to provide nearly 800 of our evangelistic DVDs for children and adults. The Lord provided the expenses for this because of your generous support for our ministry.

Did you notice during the recent election how both parties were trying to get the word out for their candidates? People gave tons of money for TV ads, printed up signs and banners, and even went door to door telling everybody about their candidates. Why don't we who are God's children do this same kind of thing? It is for sure that government does not have the answers to bring about changed lives, peace, etc. We have lived on our street for 20 years now and not one church or person has ever knocked on our door. I am 81 and only one person has taken an interest in my soul. How sad.

I may have mentioned to you before that we have a lot of people who enter our home. Visiting Angels supplies care givers for us which the insurance company pays for, Hospice sends bathers, nurses and social workers here. We look at it like this; the Lord is sending the mission field to us now and we have the opportunity and responsibility to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with them. What a mission field!

Many of those I witness to say they are saved but none of them are 100% sure of heaven. I ask them if anybody has ever showed them from the Bible how to be saved and not one has ever said "yes". All of them are depending upon their good works and we know that "good works" will not get anybody into heaven. (Eph. 2:8-10)

I don't mean to be "preachie" but God has called every born again believer to share the Good News at home, across the street and around the world. Acts. 1:8

Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support.

In His service until He comes, *Melvyn & Carol Brown*

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Papua New Guinea Bible Distribution - Update - January 16, 2017

Dear Partners and Supporters in the Papua New Guinea (PNG) Bible Distribution,

As we begin this new year, our prayer is that God will be glorified. Looking back at 2016, we rejoice in the trials and victories, but now God has given us a brand new year to seek to fulfill what He has called us to be and do for Him.

In early December during the Board of Trustees meeting at the World Missions Center, I had the pleasure of introducing Pastor Holmes Tako and his wife, Prisilla. Pastor Tako is the pastor of Morato Baptist Church in Port Moresby, National Capital District, Papua New Guinea. He is one of the key leaders in setting up the meetings with government officials, and he is instrumental in recruiting nationals in helping with the Bible distribution. It has been a joy to travel together and share what God is doing.



God has been bringing in the needed funds for Phase 1 (secondary schools) of the Bible Distribution. As of this writing, over \$675,000 has been received toward the Phase 1 goal of \$825,000. By faith we have ordered the printing of the first 275,000 Bibles.

After much prayer and counsel, the decision was made to attempt to be in PNG distributing the Phase 1 Bibles by the end of April or first of May. This date is approximate as we wait on notification as to when the Bibles will be shipped and then arrive in PNG.

One reason for the haste on trying to accomplish Phase 1 is that in July there will be a national election in PNG. We have been assured that even a new government cannot stop this project, as it is written in stone as far as they are concerned, but the danger falls into the period of time during the elections. We have been strongly advised not to be traveling countrywide during that period. Elections in developing countries can turn quite dangerous for foreigners. After my experience on my last trip, being robbed at gunpoint, *wisdom is the better part of valor*. Your prayers would be greatly appreciated.

We are praying that the rest of the funds for Phase 1 will come in before we head over. Also, if God would touch hearts, it would save money if we would be able to purchase at least three extra containers (165,000 Bibles) to ship some of the Phase 2 Bibles (elementary schools) to many of the extremely remote and difficult islands. The boats and transports will cost approximately the same and it would be good to do them all at the same time. God knows what is best. Please pray!

In March we will be traveling to PNG to begin meetings concerning the logistics and distribution of Phase 1 Bibles. There will be much travel as we meet with local contacts in each of the provinces and acquire distribution centers to store the Bibles. Many of the places are not easily accessed. Would you please pray that God would give us traveling mercies and favor with those with whom we meet and work? Your prayers are greatly appreciated.

Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work and a wonder (Isaiah 29:14). Please continue to pray for us and the PNG Bible Distribution as we raise the funds and prepare to distribute the Bibles. BIMI World magazine Volume 52, Number 3, 2016, has an article titled "[Sir, May I Please Have a Bible?](#)" that tells how God opened the door for the Bible Distribution. You may [email me](#) or text or call me at (423) 504-3132.