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Under the city of Rome are miles of underground caves that were used as burial grounds for an estimated four million Jews and Christians. As archeologists researched these catacombs, they discovered that the most common saying on the walls was a quote from 2 Timothy 2:9, *The word of God is not bound.* Even today, Satan's tactics have not changed. He tries constantly to stop the Word of God from going forth. Whether COVID-19 or lockdowns, the Word of God is not bound. God promises that His Word will not return void.

It is with great joy that I recently received the required visa to be able to return to Papua New Guinea. The embassy had been struggling with COVID-19 restrictions, causing many workers to not be in the office, which caused the delay in notification of its approval. I contacted my travel agent concerning the return trip and was advised to wait a month to buy my tickets because of all that is happening with the airlines and the different countries. Please continue to pray that travel will be allowed and that God would break down all barriers.

It is also a joy to share an update that I received from national Pastor Davie Karol on the island province of Manus. He has been able to travel by boat and four-wheel-drive vehicle to reach out with the Gospel and distribute Bibles to over 16 schools in extremely remote areas. Many of the headmasters and teachers of the schools have expressed joy in seeing their small remote schools not overlooked or forgotten. Can you imagine what God can do with these young people that most of the world knows little about? God cares and loves them all no matter where they live geographically, even in the most remote areas. God delights in taking the little and making much of it.

By God's grace, we have printed and shipped 1 million Bibles, and an additional 100,000 Bibles have been ordered to be printed. Approximately 780,000 of the original 1 million have been distributed. When the additional 100,000 arrive, we will have a total of 320,000 Bibles to be given to students. The magnitude of this opportunity never ceases to amaze me with over 1.1 million Bibles. That means 1.1 million souls will receive the Word of God. How precious are His promises! In times past, we have been able to host teams of workers to assist our efforts, but because of COVID-19 all extra help from the United States and other countries has been curtailed. Definite prayer will be a necessity to be able to accomplish what is set before us! Please pray for timing, protection, and health concerning our travel to PNG and then in the country distributing Bibles. Thank you and may God richly bless you for your continued prayers and financial support!







