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Dear Partners and Friends,

Once again the months are busy and we are excited to see all the Lord is doing in various places. In early April we made the trip to **Papua New Guinea**, going via **Cairns (Queensland, Australia)** to visit with the church we are overseeing. From there we flew onto PNG for their annual conference. From here we flew onto **Singapore** for the *Regional Commission* meeting with various representatives from the region including our regional director Richard Denny. Some new developments were made here for the Pacific region, including preparations to send out missionaries from within the region.

The conference in Papua New Guinea was held in Goroka, in the Eastern Highlands province, at the open air ground for the Sports Institute. Friday night, April 9 was the first meeting. Many thousands gathered around the timber platform and waited expectedly for the preaching of the Word. Among the guests present were **Brother and Sister Richard Denny**, the Regional Director, **Brother Robert Forbush**, Area Coordinator, **Brother and Sister Brian Henry** former missionaries to Papua New Guinea, **Brother and Sister Peter Gratton**, Aimers and Furlough replacements in PNG, **Brother and Sister Sanders** from Pensacola, Florida and ourselves. As well as this we had the privilege of having **Brother Oyang Sesaray** come for the conference. Brother Sesaray represents the church of Papua (formerly Irian Jaya) on the Indonesian side of the large island of Papua New Guinea

This conference was the farewell for the Henrys and Brother Henry preached his farewell message on the Friday evening. His challenging message, 'A new Day' spoke of a new day for the church and the excitement of the church could be felt as they responded to the altar call. On Saturday evening **Brother Carver** spoke and the message was 'A church of power'. One of the largest crowds, about 8000 plus, attended this evening and there was a wonderful response to the word of God.



Bible School Choir



Honoring the Grations for their labors in the Bible School



Some of the Regional Commission in Singapore

Sunday morning was the final meeting with our Regional director preaching. Crowds were estimated at between 8000-9000. At the conclusion of Brother Denny's message 7 received the Holy Ghost and 8 were baptized in Jesus name.

The **Bible School** sang a special item and honored Brother and Sister Gratton for their labors in the school this year. A number of men and pastors has attended for the first time from the Sepik district. This was an exciting development as this large province has long challenged the church of PNG.

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