

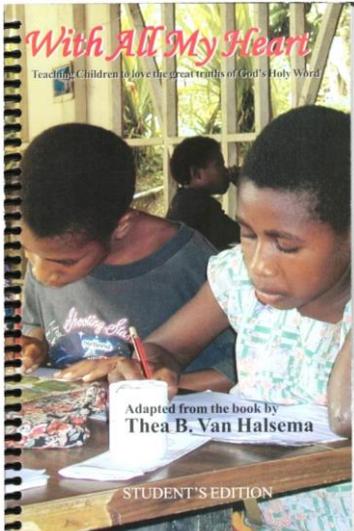


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Dear Friends,

The Lord has opened a door in the public schools of Papua New Guinea through the Religious Education (RE) program of the PNG Education Department. We are trying to stay alert to the Holy Spirit and walk through the door.

From its beginnings the PNG Dept of Education mandated RE for all the government (public) schools in the country. Eric had his first taste of teaching RE in Ambunti High School in 2007 or 2008. He approached the principal to inquire about teaching RE. The principal was delighted, replying, "Yes! What time slot would you like, Wednesdays 10:00 – 10:40am?" We were off and running.



Perhaps 1000 pastors from all stripes are volunteering to teach RE in grade schools and high schools in many parts of the country. Many of them are "just preaching"; they don't have any resources, and the PNG Education Department, despite the mandate, doesn't provide any.

The principals, the students and the pastors all love having resources such as With All My Heart, Ten Hot Topics, Eleven More Hot Topics, Leadership for Melanesia, etc. PNG high school students have a keen interest in knowing what the Word of God teaches on topics such as sorcery, domestic violence, land disputes, polygamy, etc.

The With All My Heart book, originally written by Thea VanHalsema was adapted by Orneal and Martha Kooyers for the Papua New Guinea context.

These PIM resources have been used/are now being used in at least 24 grade schools and 23 high schools in the country. PIM has distributed at least 25,000 copies of With All My Heart and 9000 copies of Ten Hot Topics and 6000 copies of Eleven More Hot Topics in the public schools.

This facet of the ministry is rapidly expanding,...the Lord is doing "immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine!" (Eph 3:20)

Please consider a gift to Pacific Island Ministries for its various ministries. Thank you!

Eric and Penny Schering

PS Martha Kooyers is happily settled in a small mobile home in Desert Hot Springs, CA, near daughter Pam.

