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## "TT - EXTRA: DMG Calendar Page June"

Dear Friends,

June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

Whit-Monday 2020 is here again and we have started into June...

And in the June page of the **DMG Calendar for 2020, "Home? Jesus!"** you can find a bright and cheerful photo...

It was taken in April 2018 when we arrived back in the region where we used to serve from 1985-'96: **Bialla, West New Britain Province, Papua New Guinea (PNG)**. After 22 years we were thrilled to see familiar faces and places that were home to us as a family for ten years. What God has done there and how HE has continued to work is **simply overwhelming!**

In the picture, we are standing next to **Mary and Kore**, then there is the Secretary of the new Church District in the tribal area of the Kol (there are 12 new large village churches) together with his wife.

In the meantime, Kore has become the Bishop of the entire **South Sea Evangelical Church (SSEC, PNG)**.

Before his conversion (1987) he was a high school teacher and he had had 12 wives, one after another.

The 13<sup>th</sup> wife, who happened to be a Christian, is the one in the picture!

You can read more of his exciting 'CV' in the **attachment, "World Mission in PNG - Kore's part in it..."**

Juni June (Englisch)



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[Photo - Bible verse is "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" Psalm 133:1]

The following comment has been added to the picture: **"BIK WELCOME Home"...**

Is that the correct spelling? It doesn't really matter!

These are people who mean what they say: "You are back home with us!"

Skin colour? Doesn't matter. - Origin? Doesn't matter either.

YOU are important as people. And we can tell that we are important to you - you haven't forgotten us!

What a gift to be accepted and welcomed in this way! - **Who should we bless with a gift like this?**

# World Mission in PNG – Kore's part in it...

We were sent out to the island churches of the **South Sea Evangelical Church (SSEC) in Papua New Guinea (PNG)** in 1985.

Even out there, the subject of world mission was also in our thoughts right from the start.

The Great Commission was the basis of many of our training sessions.

We were amazed that in PNG the excuses not to take part in mission appeared to be the same as at the other end of the world...: "Too young... – not enough training... – don't know enough English..."

**Yet in spite of that, an awareness of mission started to grow among the indigenous churches!**

Our churches in the Biella district decided to support a missionary project, and, according to their wishes, in a country where the people had the same colour skin as them.

They chose **Ethiopia** and the project "Bread for Work" in which the Boessler family (also DMG missionaries) were heavily involved.

In the second term it was after the collapse of communism, they chose the **Bible Institute in Donetsk, Ukraine** in which DMG missionaries Andrej and Susanne Tielmann were working.

Hans-Georg had the opportunity to **teach mission theology** at the SSEC's Bible School and through this, the interest in mission started to widen.

1987 Kore Wai, a capable high school teacher, came to a real faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

This was even before our first furlough, which started in 1990, after we had been out there for five years.

Even in the **discipleship-training course**, which Hans-Georg led him through, the subject of world mission came up.

It wasn't long before Kore recognised that God was calling him into full time service.

Shortly afterwards he set off on a three-month period of service on the **mission ship "DOULOS"** in the South Seas.

In order to be well prepared for his later service, Kore and his family began theological training at the **"Christian Leaders Training College"** (CLTC <https://www.cltc.ac.pg/>).

In the middle of his studies, soon after we had returned for our second period of service in PNG (1991), he received the alarming news that his father had killed five warriors in a tribal fight.

Out of fear of blood revenge Kore fled back to the island region.

At the same time we received a call for help from the **SSEC's sister church in the Solomon Islands**.

They were urgently looking for a teacher with exactly the qualifications that Kore had.

The association of churches decided to bear the cost of the airfares for Kore and his family, and part of his salary for his two years there. This called for sacrificial giving.

A short time later, the Superintendent of our island churches came to Hans-Georg with the request to **draw up missionary statutes for the association of churches**.

In one of the general meetings of all the churches (held every two years), it was decided to set up a **mission committee**.

The **missionary statutes**, which Hans-Georg had drawn up were culturally adapted in the first session of this mission committee and adopted into the final constitution.

Shortly before we returned to Germany for our second furlough, saying goodbye to PNG (we had made the conscious choice to place all our tasks in the hands of the local people), the first **weeklong inter-regional missionary conference** in the island region took place – it had an overwhelming effect.

Many other churches and denominations took part, providing songs, sketches, testimonies and simply by being there.

**Missionary work has a wide effect!**

Even as we were packing up our things to move from Germany to Austria in 1998, Kore (who had in the meantime been elected as the Superintendent of the island churches) was flying from **PNG to Africa** to find out about places of service for future New Guinea missionary candidates...

Looking back, we are simply overwhelmed at how our God is writing His story at the far end of the world...

**With this moving story, we send you our warmest greetings,**



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