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Dear Friends,

Fresh out of Teacher's College in the 1980's, John Kanz got his start in school administration as a Deputy Principal at Ambunti High School. He was familiar with PIM and knew Doug and Leah. For thirty years he stayed a good course, gaining valuable experience as a principal of various high schools until he arrived at Vanimo Secondary High School in 2016.

When he started at VSHS three years ago there was no RI (Religious Instruction) taking place. One of his first priorities was to get it going. He gave volunteer pastors two periods each week to teach the Word of God to students from their denominations. He himself has been teaching "Guidance" to the whole student body of 9-12th grades to ensure that everyone has some biblical teaching.

When he followed along as Eric read him some of the points under "Land Disputes" in *Ten Hot Topics*, he broke out in big smiles, "Wow! Wow! This is great." When he paged through *Eleven More Hot Topics* on his own, he said it again, "Wow! Wow! These are great. These are the issues that distract students from their studies."

His perspective is that if the students get good biblical instruction in the areas of temptation, they will be able to get on the right track and stay there. Mr Kanz ordered 800 copies of *11 More Hot Topics* to begin teaching his Guidance class as soon as possible and 800 of *Ten Hot Topics* to come in June. (The reprint should be available by then). He said, "These books have to be taught to brace up the minds of the students to think right."

In 2018, Vanimo Secondary came out of nowhere to be rated among the 20 best schools in PNG out of 300 nation-wide. Mr Kanz attributes much of that to the Scripture being taught to the students. He is eager to build on that. He was overwhelmed and very grateful that PIM supplied books free of charge because his budget doesn't allow him to buy them this year. He is allowing students free access to the books this year but plans to collect them at year end for next year's students.

Felix Topni, a friend and government official we know from past visits to Vanimo for government courses, was the one who introduced us to Mr Kanz (Felix and Eric pictured with Mr. Kanz). Felix will work with Eric to see that Mr Kanz gets his orders in reasonable time as well as other principals and pastors in the Sundaun Province.

Thanks much for your prayers and gifts. The Lord bless you!

Eric and Penny Schering

