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Dear Friends,

Everyday events change plans. According to the house cleaner a cooking gas cylinder in the vacant missionary houses is empty. It is a problem because two Australian doctors will be coming for a five day stay in that missionary house while leading a training course for the Ambunti Hospital staff. Sunday evening the water pump which supplies the kitchen faucets begins leaking into the pump motor. Not the best combination. The to-do list for Monday gets longer.



Monday morning. Surprise! a five-member team arrives rather than two. They want to stay together at the PIM facilities so with some help, we manage to set up extra beds and mattresses and although the space is tight, the guests are content. After a short introduction / orientation, they see the PIM training room which they will be using.

Thankfully, two PIM workers help with the other undone tasks. We swap a partly full gas bottle with the apparently empty bottle. Unfortunately the new bottle begins leaking, but thankfully some Teflon tape and a right sized O-ring fix the problem. A worker in the shop takes some electrical parts from the leaking pump and installs them in a used water pump of the same model and gets it working. Phew, the guests now had cooking gas and water. These fixes are easier to write about than they are to accomplish!

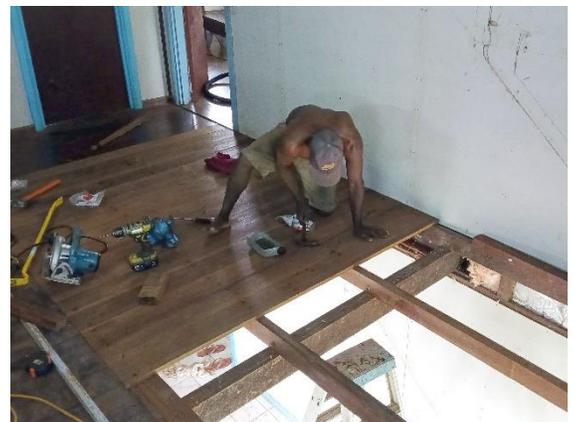
Then a Doctor asks for a video projector for their presentation, fortunately PIM does have a working one. Also, they had other needs like a connection cables, a power strip, and finally some setup assistance.

Meanwhile that morning on the house in which Sandy and I live, some repair work begins for termite damage. At lunch a number of windows have no screens and a company of flies enjoys their time with us. After much hammering and sawing by the two carpenters, they complete most of the work by evening including the window screens. Some of those flies did stay for dinner too, but the large mosquitos didn't wake up in time to come through

the open windows.

I should mention that the radiator of one of the power generators began leaking. Normally, we stop the power at 8:30 pm for the night until morning, so that repair will wait for tomorrow.

Supplying a service often takes a lot of effort behind the scenes. At times it may be difficult, but PIM has a team of employees who often go the extra distance to bring education to young people in remote villages, health care, and church supporting literature. We have been blessed! We trust PIM can be a blessing to others.



*Ephesian 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.*

Thank you so much for your support of Pacific Island Ministries efforts in Papua New Guinea.

Yours in Christ,

Douglas Heidema

PS Sandy happily has three industrial sewing machines setup for the sewing class in Ambunti. PIM carpenters had enlarged a storage room making it twice as large. The sewing women are being taught how to use them for the next few weeks.