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Dear Friends at First CRC Crown Point,

Soft-spoken and humble, Bonny has served as a PIM elementary teacher for 14 years. He hails from the remote village of Yawa #1 and feels honored to be a PIM teacher. His spouse Betty struggles with serious migraine headaches; sometimes the pain is so intense she spends most of the day just sitting in her house.

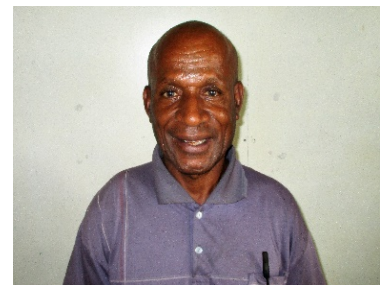
Bonny and Betty have eight children. The oldest four are married and between 32 and 36 years of age. One of them is married to Brian, the principal of Yawa Primary School, a government school. The younger four include Hoscar, 30 years, and Franscar, who is "a blessing and has a very helpful attitude, often hauling water, chopping firewood and preparing sago for the family." Chennon, 20, is in 7<sup>th</sup> grade (not unusual in PNG for a 20 year-old to be in 7<sup>th</sup> grade) and Amelly, 14, is in grade 3.

In addition Bonny and Betty look after four children from his brother who died a few years ago. The oldest is Richard, 32, who has finished grade 12. Recently Bonny informed Richard that he will not be sponsoring him for further schooling until he quits smoking and chewing betel nut. Bosco is in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and niece Nellyn, a 7<sup>th</sup> grader this year, "takes the prize for being most responsive" to Bonny and Betty's instruction. Jesse is a big, tall guy who was recently voted in as a deacon at church.

Bonny says, "Please pray with me for Mama Betty Aunak. She is weighed down by her headaches and weakness; she is not able to do any hard work. Pray also for my work with the kindergarten students this year and that their parents would cooperate in maintaining the school grounds and facilities."

Located deep in the interior, the four Yawa villages have a combined population of maybe 1000. The PIM elementary school in Yawa was launched in 1983, with PIM staff training locals to serve as teachers. Over the years the Lord has used the Yawa teachers to provide a good education for the children of Yawa 1, Yawa 2, Yawa 3 and Klahau (aka Yawa 4).

Of the eight schools in their remote district, Yawa consistently has the highest number of students chosen to go on for further education. Last year Bonny (pictured) told us that in 2016 Yawa 1 had 23 "selected" while the maximum number at any other school was seven. The education administrators in Vanimo the capital city of West Sepik Province say, "It's because Yawa for many years has chosen to make the Word of God a priority in its village."



Bonnie's family often extends hospitality to people travelling from other areas who need food and lodging. He says, "The Lord God has blessed our food gardens, our vanilla garden and our cocoa garden. My family and I are starting to operate a cocoa fermentary (special building to ferment and dry the cocoa beans) in Yawa #3, praying it will help supplement income of poor people and the church work too."

A meaningful verse for Bonny these days: Psalm 34:19—"A righteous man may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all."

Thank you for your gifts to PIM to support leaders like Bonny!

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