



Moses on the CrossConnect Short Term Mission

TRAINING THE TRAINER

The trip from Kapia to CrossConnect in Tasmania is akin to transport into another world. Kapia is a clan area within the Koroba sub-district, a 2 hour drive from Tari, the provincial capital of the Hela province in Papua New Guinea. The Hela province has an international reputation for violence against women and continuous inter-clan fighting. At the same time, tourists love the colourful culture of the Wigmen of Papua New Guinea and the amazing highlands' landscapes, while international mining and resource companies are keenly exploring and extracting mineral and gas.

When you are in Hela, and particularly in the area which is infused by Christian Brethren Assemblies, you become aware that in this densely populated area there are some wonderful men and women who love the Lord Jesus. They are subsisting on their land and managing relative poverty, while seeking

to live for the Lord and impact their communities. Around them the pressure of modern life is tearing apart so much of the culture that previously imposed stability upon relationships and the people's way of life.

Moses left Kapia in January 2015 to travel to Australia. He was well prepared as an experienced primary school teacher, but most of all he had a passion to study God's Word. He wanted to gain skills that would enable him to return to his community to preach the gospel and reach the youth, as well as help the local churches cope with the rapid changes occurring.

Moses was not disappointed. At CrossConnect his Bible study skills were sharpened, appreciation of the whole counsel of God was deepened, and his repertoire of outreach methods for the Gospel was extended. In particular, he was encouraged by the lectures through John's Gospel. Since going back to Papua New Guinea, he has been teaching John's Gospel to youth and others, from notes he has developed for his own people. In January Moses was a teacher in the Port Moresby annual training week where 90 young people enthusiastically attended his class.

CrossConnect has given Moses a platform upon which to build Bible Study and ministry in the years to come. Both the cross cultural visit to the Philippines and the international workers conference have given Moses an enlarged circle of friends and an appreciation of the Body of Christ which stretches around the world. With this he has new insight into the difficulties and opposition that some of his brothers and sisters face. It has been some years since a student from PNG attended CrossConnect, but over the next 5 years GLO has committed to building relationships with PNG churches by training young people who will serve strategically in the life and mission of these churches.

Moses is now back in his other world. It is a long way from all the amenities enjoyed at Smithton. There is no postal service, no power, no internet and the mobile phone network does not reach into the valley where Moses is teaching. He has a teaching position at Kunduku, two hours walk from his home at Kapia and his home church at Guala. Some plans he had for involvement with the Guala Church elders have changed, but he is keen to see what the Lord has for him in the coming year. Moses is heavily involved in the youth ministry of the wider area along with other keen young men. Les Loader visited him in early April.

by Les Loader



Moses with Les Loader doing preparation for lectures



Moses at Erima Youth Training where he lectured

Moses Teaching at Erima Youth Training

