

PAPUA NEW GUINEA SUNDAY IN THE CENTRAL STATES
SYNOD – APRIL 18TH, 2021



Figure 1 Left to right, Keith Holste, Gary Teske, Emily Grebel and Amy Truhe at their farewell party following a visitation to the Kote District in late September, 2019

Our partnership with the Kote District of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Papua New Guinea remains strong in spite of being tested by the pandemic during the past year. While we had to cancel some plans due to the pandemic, we continue to be in touch and to raise funds to help them purchase new Sunday School materials.

Our sisters and brothers in Papua New Guinea have faced adversity in the past year. Last fall, Pastor Jonati Metu, president of the district died suddenly of a heart attack. And while we in the United States are beginning to see the covid pandemic wane, in Papua New Guinea, probably due to it being off the beaten path, the pandemic is just beginning to break out and spread. With their lack of medical resources, particularly in remote areas, this poses a serious threat. Also, Sir Michael Somare, the first prime minister of Papua New Guinea and considered the papa of the country just died.

We cannot forget our brothers and sisters in Papua New Guinea. We still need one another. Please include the prayer concerns listed on the other side of this insert in your prayers on April 18th. Please consider a special offering for the Sunday School Project. And also, be sure and make use of the Youtube video links on the other side of this insert to gain a better understanding and appreciation for our companion church in Papua New Guinea.

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Keith Holste speaks to a gathering of students at the Lutheran School near Finschhafen during our visitation in 2019. As you can see, Papua New Guinea is a country with many children which explain the need for Sunday School materials.

Pray for God's comfort as our partners mourn the death of president Metu and pray for the guidance of the Spirit as they seek new leadership.

Pray for the people of Papua New Guinea as they now face the threat of Covid in their cities, villages and countryside.

Pray for this resource rich country as they seek to develop their natural resources in responsible ways that benefit all and lead to lasting development.

Consider a special offering toward helping our companion district replace their 20+ year old Sunday School materials. See the following video for more information. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cUzV3J5CF6o>

Meet some of our cousin Christians and learn more about our partners in Ministry in the Kote District by viewing the following video.
<https://youtu.be/XfalYvjxGkE>.

All funds should be sent to the Synod Office and clearly designated for Companion Synod Ministry or the PNG Sunday School Project.