



Lambs Legacy



September, 2015
Dear Friends and Family,



How do I even begin to share with you what a privilege and thrill it was to take the first New Testaments back to the Dom tribal people who I grew up with in PNG. And for my twin brother, Gary to be the pilot that flew us on our first leg of the journey from Toronto to Dubai. (Only God could have arranged that! :) And to have our daughter Cassandra who is now 20 take this trip with me was an amazing Father/daughter experience. She did go to PNG in 97 with Tammy and I when she was only a year old so it was the fulfillment of a dream for her to now truly experience it for herself...and she even got to cuddle with a kangaroo and hold a koala on the way in Brisbane, Australia.



Martin and Cassandra in PNG July, 2015 vs Martin and Cassandra in PNG Jan, 1997

Even as I write this I am preparing to share our trip with the Joy Fellowship group at our West Highland Baptist church. The little intro we wrote titled Lamb's Legacy tells of God's grace down through 4 generations and I think that's what made this trip so meaningful:

"... the incredible story of God's faithfulness through the generations, begins with Martin Lamb's devout grandmother, Dora Chamberlain, from England, (recently deceased at age 99) who prayed fervently that one of her three daughters would serve the Lord in mission. His mother Brenda was the middle child and the most rebellious, but God had His gracious hand on her and called her to Himself. She was later to be challenged into New Tribes Mission by a simple statement that, "the only ability God requires is availability"....With seemingly little to offer she was thankful that God could use her if she submitted herself as a willing vessel into His hands. And God's calling on their lives led Martin's parents right around the world to the land of Papua New Guinea... The work that Colin and Brenda Lamb began in the early 70's, of Bible translation and church planting, amongst the Dom tribal people, has recently reached a milestone,



Martin with his Grandma Dora and mother

when the New Testament was completed by their coworkers and Martin and his daughter Cassandra were given the privilege of taking the first Bibles back to the people where he grew up...!!"

Joy Fellowship
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Thursday, September 17th at 10:00 A.M.

The Lambs Legacy
...the incredible story of God's faithfulness through the generations.

Here's a few more pictures for you to enjoy. I just wish I could make them "scratch and sniff" so you could enjoy the smells and in some way the sounds of each moment. :) (The picture at the top of the letter is the view from the village where I grew up, looking over the Waghi river valley to the small town of Kundiawa)



Martin and Cassandra enjoying a mumu; Cassandra enjoying walk with a village girl; Martin showing family pics to the villagers; Kapia one of the church elders and language helper to my father nearly 40 years ago, now enjoying his Bible for the first time!

There were tears from some of the older ladies who hadn't seen me since I was 16 and were so thrilled that I would come back. Cassandra really enjoyed the little children and would always look for one to love on. We got to enjoy a traditional feast called a "mumu" where the food is cooked in the ground and this was a highlight for me as it had been so many years since I got to enjoy this, but Cassandra wasn't quite so sure. :) The believers in two separate village locations gave testimony of how thankful they were for New Tribes missionaries who came otherwise they would have, "never known God's talk and would still be on their way to hell without the knowledge of Jesus!"

Please continue to pray that they would devour the Word and share it with others! We took a provisional shipment of Bibles but the official dedication for the Bibles will be next summer in 2016, when Jim and Judy Burdett (our NTM missionaries who completed the translation) return from furlough. I'd love to still get back there again for this occasion also, with other members of the Dom team down through the years, and members of my family, but we will need to see how the Lord might want to provide for that...

Visiting both the **national training centres in PNG and the Philippines** on the way back, were two other additional highlights. As the Word is going forth into hundreds of tribal groups around the world, the need to train and equip their own Bible teachers and church planters is so crucial. Please pray for these initiatives as the potential is huge but so are the needs! My heart went out to the PNG centre as they simply need desks and chairs and beds for the students. The Philippines currently has a team from Australia building a bridge so they can more effectively get other supplies in but they desperately need resources to renovate some of the existing buildings. Please pray for them and if you would like to give towards national training specifically then please be in touch with us. www.ntm.org/give

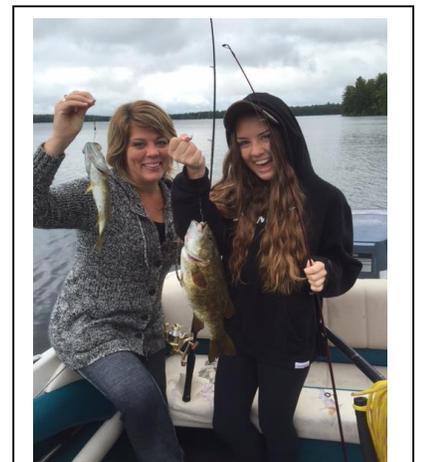
Powerful testimonies of tribal people continue to come from around the globe who are hearing the chronological teaching from Creation to Christ and embracing Christ for themselves. In fact we have a historic amount of translations coming to completion within the next year or two. Please pray for our missionaries who are labouring tirelessly and these people groups as the battle is raging for their souls....

- "This news is like fire in my bones...why has no one come to tell us this sooner!"*
- Kora tribal man – South Pacific
- "He had no debt with us and yet he did this completely on His own for us!" "He has completely erased all our sin and because of that I am so happy."*
- Tangguat new believers – Papua New Guinea
- "I had believed for so long what was untrue and taught my children wrong, but I am so happy you have come and shared the truth of God's word to us, in our own language."*
- Nivacle new believer – Paraguay

Enjoy the fall!! **Love, Martin and Tammy, Cassandra, Cody and Carly**

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We got to enjoy a friend's cottage as a family this summer – Cody got to ski for the first time and did amazing, and Carly was the fishing champ! Sorry Tam... 😊