



YFC-PNG

MISSION TRIP TO AIMBAI VILLAGE (PNG)

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National Director's Message



Hubert Hebore

When I reflect on the work of Youth for Christ Papua New Guinea, I am delighted of its great commission that Jesus has placed on us as Christians or workman of God. I have been blessed to be part of it for almost a year, when I first received my official invitation to attend the leadership explosion training in Thailand. I have not just like my work here! I have loved every moment, in particular the challenging ones.

I also would like to acknowledge Conrad Parson, Manasa Aloale, YFC Pacific, and individuals for the continuous support in prayer.

And to my wife, Maimu Vagi and my son Rodney Hebore for being my bedrock and for sharing the love for my work.

May God keep our courage up as we do His will and serve Him faithfully,

Thank you!

Hubert Hebore
National Director – YFC PNG

Mission

Bringing Gospel to Aimbai village in West Sepik Province was something that I didn't expect or planned to achieve but I thank the good Lord for giving me the honor in meeting the people of Aimbai by sharing the Gospel which was something that I will never cease to forget.

On the 14th of July 2020, I (Hubert) and Marie left Port Moresby for Vanimo in West Sepik province for a period of one week. Upon our arrival we fortunately met with a local man named Dogo, a young man who was left by his father when his mother was only two months old pregnant. Surprisingly Dogo's father was known to be originated from my village called (Gaire) in the Central Province and the mother from Varomo village in West Sepik province where the actual project was directed. Dogo than took us to his village (Varomo), spent two days among his people and family.



(From left to right – Hubert, Marie and Dogo in black shirt)

Varomo village and Young people.

In Varomo village, Dogo did not only brought us to his home but he also introduced us to his family.



Dogo's immediate family. From left to right – Bella (daughter), Belinda (wife) and Tau (son).

Our two days spent at Varomo village was a blessing to us both for me and Marie, we encountered many people who were in great hunger and thirst in receiving the word of God which we had the joy to share the gospel to young people and provide a momentum of prayerful union with them.



Young people from Varomo Village whom we were accompanied, I (Hubert) and Marie to Aimbai village.

From left to right. Front row, Jeru, Bella and Eugene. Back row, Kingsley, Emmanuel, Marie and Hubert.

[Aimbai village – Upper Aimbai and Lower Aimbai](#)

At 11am on Thursday 16th of July 2020, we journeyed from west coast of Vanimo to the east coast and leading up to the North of Vanimo Green electorate. It was another long and tiring journey that we all had, travelling along the rough and dusty road towards Aimbai village.

Aimbai is a very beautiful place, environmentally, its people and the traditional food crops, it is also cut into two main sections, the upper Aimbai and the lower Aimbai. **Lower Aimbai** inhabitants are mostly dominated with Seventh Day Adventist followers with its church built from both modern and traditional materials whereas People living along the **Upper Aimbai** commit themselves to the Nazarene church with its church also built from both modern and traditional materials.

Church



Seventh Day Adventist Church.



Nazarene Church Pastor's house on the left and Church building.

Upon our arrival at Aimbai village at about 1:30 pm, we were welcomed by the Seventh Day Adventist church pastor (Pastor. Jefferson) and friends who turn out to be open and very friendly. In its act of kindness we were accommodated into a little shed for a light rest and provided us with water and sweet potatoes.

Visitation and Fellowship

Having fellowship in sharing the gospel was something that we really enjoyed in Aimbai village. Loving God and knowing the gospel was something young people love most and eagerly dying to receive.



(These are lower Aimbai village young people that we visited, shared the gospel and prayed with them.)



(After night fellowship)

Upper Aimbai

On the Morning of Friday 17th of July 2020 we travelled up to Upper Aimbai village to meet Moses who was an elder of Upper Aimbai community. Moses was with the young boys building a new house. They were surprised to see us enter their home place, everybody were quite startled accept Moses who was beaming with his smile. He asked us (hei ol wantok upla orait?) which was in Tok Pisin, meaning, Hey all friends are you all right? And we smiled in return replied with a yes, we are all right.

After chattering with Moses and the young locals for a good whole day, we came to discover a very unhappy thing during our conversation that the Nazarene church was without a pastor for the last two and a half years until now.

The pastor mandated to operate his religious duties who was locally from that area (name withheld) was caught up in an illicit act by the Indonesian law enforcement police whilst trading drugs (Cannabis) for a motorcycle along the PNG-Indonesian border. Upon apprehending him during his time of act he was sadly charged and imprisoned until to date. It is sadly to be discovered that many young people along the **Upper Aimbai** do survive to feed their families and loved ones by carrying out this illicit act of trading drugs (Cannabis) for food, clothing, money, guns and other necessary survival items. Generally the **Upper Aimbai** is least to live and remain at a level of darkness where Gospel is greatly needed for a change.

Nazarene church in upper Aimbai currently operates without a pastor since 2018.



(Moses new house)



(Praying with Moses and the young people after sharing)



(Moses, Simion and the young boys)

Even though we had spent our short period of time with the people of Aimbai but we have made our first break through with worthy connection and healthier relationship among all people for both old and young. I thank the almighty God for all opportunity that came our way in sharing God's word and prayerful moments

with them all. If this sharing of the gospel of Jesus Christ be granted a second trip to this wonderful place of West Sepik, this two leaders in Aimbai would be contented to take us to the next needed villages called (Elis and Scotchiau to bring gospel to much needed young people right to their door step.

Journey back home

On Saturday at 4:00pm we all said goodbye to each other and travelled back to Varomo village where we spent the next two more days before travelling back to Port Moresby.



(Photo with Aimbai people)

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