

UPDATE

SPECIAL EDITION



OUTREACH PAPUA 2015 WITH VOICE IN THE CITY

Papua, also called ‘the black pearl’ is located in East Indonesia. It was formerly called Irian Jaya. Indonesia, the largest Muslim country in the world, is where God has sent us to bless, teach and impact some of the most remote islands of the nation and indeed the world.

In this special edition we want to take you with us to some of these projects and places that have become part of our call and passion. Through your prayer and financial support you are sharing in the harvest as well as the reward of those we touch through this ministry.

Although we had several large evangelistic outreaches in the land it was soon clear to me that such outreaches alone would never be enough for deep and permanent change amongst the people. It was time to change strategy, not neglecting the outreaches, but adding a different dimension to the work as well.

Waking the dawn!

David cried out in Psalm 108:3 “Awake... the dawn”. It was clear to me that if we want to change Papua, we have to start with more prayer initiatives. To my surprise, I heard that

the national symbol of Papua, the bird of paradise, sings only at the break of dawn. Then I knew: we shall get God’s people, leaders and lay men, from different denominations to pray at the break of dawn. Every Saturday morning at 4:30 AM we gather to pray for the city, going every week to a different location within that city. To date, we have 18 different cities and locations doing just that weekly within their area all over Papua.

Prayer schools

“Why must we have a school to learn to pray?” one pastor asked. That question was soon answered once I started teaching and people got trained into far more specific prayer. They learned to rise up proclaiming and declaring what God had to say about the land instead of the opinion of man. The spiritual atmosphere over the city started to change as ‘Papua the black pearl’ of Indonesia discovered afresh their value in God.



Waking the dawn prayer





Wamena



Kaimana tribe



Evangelist Max Ebe

The remote and forgotten!

Through the centuries the Great Commission has never changed. That we believe and practice even to the ends of the earth! Impacting the body of Christ with Prayer Schools in the mornings and the lost and back-slidden with evangelistic outreaches at night turns out to be an excellent



Kaimana



combination for the highest impact in a city. Faith, prayer and motivation are built high through the Prayer School with people praying at 5:00 AM in the mornings on the grounds where the outreach will be held. They are practising what they have learned and then at night seeing the answers to their prayers through signs and wonders. All this brings an unforgettable experience in God to them.

“God has not forgotten us” they cried out as they danced and clapped their hands, welcoming the group. The three men that stood at the door of the Centre in Manokwari looked tired but determined. “Where is the mother?” they asked. “She is not here” Doctor Tandi Randa, the leader of our Love Papua Centre in Manokwari answered. “We have to see her. We were sent by the tribe to find her. If not, we will be killed” they said with concern in their voices. These were the people from Moskana, a very remote area in Papua. They indeed had received the Gospel 40 years ago. Back then this tribe were still cannibalistic and living in trees. Missionaries went there and salvation was preached but after that they were forgotten both by man and the government. Then they heard about us. They walked for days, over mountains, through swamp lands and

crawling over cliffs to find us. With the promise that I (the mother) would do my best to go there and that some of our team would visit them, they returned. Soon after that, the first group visited a village half way to their place. Then a second group went, this time as far as their village, walking 37 hours under the most difficult circumstances. When they entered the village the people cried and shouted, “God has not forgotten us...” However, they were persistent: “The mother has to come”.

Five men stood before me explaining that the only way they would be accepted by the tribe as having had ‘success’ was to take me with them. As it were, tie me to their wrists, like their custom demands. They used to tie the leg of a pig to their wrists and then walk into the village with



Biak: Restoration of different denominations



According to their custom they tied me to their wrists like a pig leg



Manokwari team on their way to remote area



Reaching the unreachable

their arms above their heads. I knew I needed instant wisdom from God as to how to answer. Then God gave me the wisdom: "Let's take hands like you would tie me and then we take pictures. Then you go back and tell the tribe I am coming as soon as we can find a helicopter..." With that they were satisfied.

The only way for me to reach this place is by helicopter, no easy task to find in Papua. But we believe the Lord to help us so we can reach these remote places. At the moment my visit to Moskana is booked, as there is a possibility that we can hire a helicopter for that trip. Please pray for us.



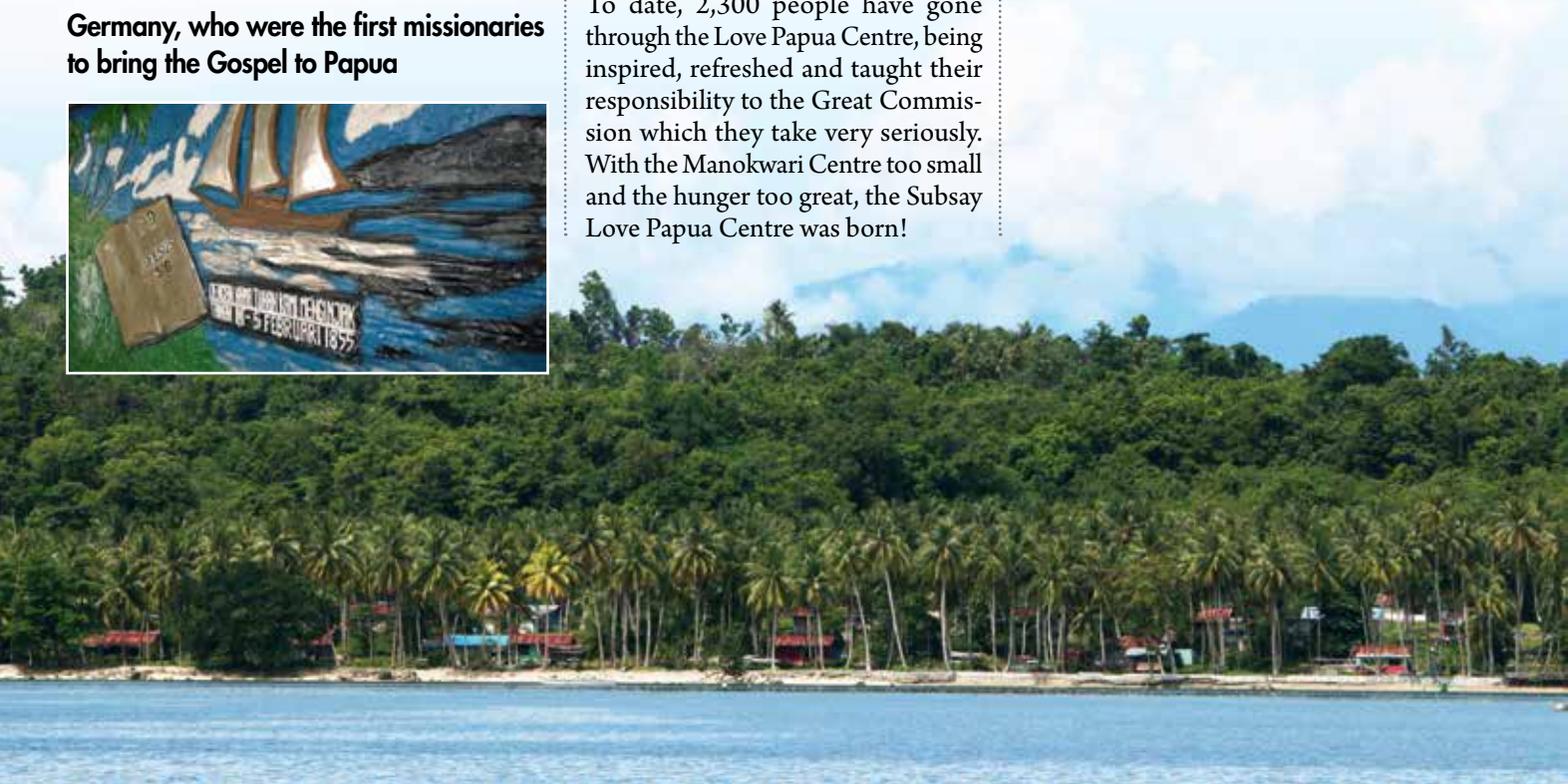


Love Papua Centre 1&2

“See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out and to pull down, to destroy and to throw down, to build and to plant” (Jer 1:10). With this God commanded me to establish a Training Centre in Manokwari, the ‘City of the Gospel’ – the first of its kind in Papua. Soon, the Centre filled with all kinds of people: students, pastors’ wives, leaders, intercessors, Sunday school teachers and many more. Although the building was designed to accommodate only 45 people, it was soon overrun. Every Monday participants arrived for the week’s training. The day starts at 5:00 AM with prayer, and continues till late at night with intense training being given. Character building, prayer, faith and many more subjects are taught week after week. To date, 2,300 people have gone through the Love Papua Centre, being inspired, refreshed and taught their responsibility to the Great Commission which they take very seriously. With the Manokwari Centre too small and the hunger too great, the Subsary Love Papua Centre was born!



Suzette sitting by the gravestone of Carl Ottow and Johann Geissler from Germany, who were the first missionaries to bring the Gospel to Papua





Subsay – From darkness to light!



“We were spiritually lame“, the old Papuan leader of the area explained. “You came to help us when nobody wanted anything to do with us. You took us by the hand spiritually and brought a new move of God to us...”

Located approximately one hour’s drive from Manokwari and a lot more into the interior, the second Centre was opened. Land was donated to Voice in the City and with the support of churches in Brazil we built a building with a capacity of 300 to become our second Love Papua Centre. It is a place of prayer, revival, input, and training and the location for an inter-denominational prayer movement in the area.

On Thursday nights after the graduation of the participants for that week in Manokwari, we pack the equipment ready to do the two day training in Subsay on Fridays and Saturdays. These are two full training days which include food, administration and graduation certificates. They soon became known in the area. Within 4 months, 575 people were trained in that Centre.

Two more Centres will be opened within the next few months in different cities as we reach out to more places to train and to teach. You can be part of the pioneering of these Centres with your prayer and financial support!





Children's home

The high pitched voices of the children were filling the air with excitement as they poured out of the building to meet me at the car! "Grandma Suzette!" they shouted! Joy filled my heart. Yes indeed these 34 children mean so very much to me!

They belong to a Children's Home Voice in the City supports, close to Jakarta, Indonesia. We provide for their schooling and general needs. Christmas time is always a highlight of the year when we celebrate with a Christmas party. However, we don't just support them financially. I make sure that I build a close relationship with the children. I stay overnight in the Children's Home as often as I can. My room gets prepared with great love and concern because at least 15 of the 34 children sleep in my room that night, with at least 5 little bodies in my

bed with me and the others lined up on the floor on mattresses. We have a 'grandmother night', something that has become a regular happening yet always an unforgettable experience for us all.

The new home to come!

Although we will continue to support this specific children's home, I intend to start a second home this time in Manokwari, Papua. We have not found the right building yet nor the staff to help us run the home. But God has, as the Lord clearly spoke to me about it. I am looking now for the right building. Please pray with us about this important project.





The new Centre / the Eagles' Nest!

The young leaders sitting around the table looked at me with interest as we spoke about the new Training Centre and living quarters for the team. I laughingly refer to them as 'young eagles that learn to fly' as I train them for ministry.

From that thought comes the name of the new Love Papua Centre that will be built in Manokwari, with a living complex for the staff right next to it. This will increase our capacity to at least double what we can accommodate right now. This project is already in process and hopefully will be completed by April 2016.

The building we use now as the Training Centre will then be turned into a Medical Day Care unit for the poor

and needy. In conjunction with the government, local doctors as well as medical staff from other cities and countries who will dedicate their time to come and help us as a missions' project, that clinic will serve a desperate need in Manokwari.

More about that in a later report.

We are thankful for your time, support and prayers! Without you we cannot do what we are doing! Together in Christ we build His Kingdom, impact the nations and truly witness and can testify that "The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light and upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned." (Matt 4:16)



Dedication of grounds





Ancient doors

The old tribal chief looked at me with tears in his eyes. "We are glad you have come, mamma Suzette. We the indigenous people of the land open for you the ancient doors..." With that he put

the 'crown' made of coconut leaves on my head - the highest honour he could give me. It was only later that I understood the significance of those words! The Lord indeed gave me favour with the tribal leaders, the government and the local churches. What an honour that I would be called 'Mother' by them, a title I carry with respect and honour, understanding the responsibility of such a title before the Lord and them.



The Vision

The vision was clear: possess the land in a Godly and spiritual way, bringing restitution, restoration and unity amongst the churches and go to the ancient leaders. How clearly I remember when the Lord spoke to me and said "Don't forget the tribal leaders". Soon we will go from place to place where bloodshed has occurred and unrighteousness has happened. We fast, pray and ask forgiveness from the Lord for us as well as for the respective leaders, opening and honouring the "ancient doors" and healing the land. Then we move in with prayer schools and evangelistic outreaches.

