

**Dear Friend of Missions in Papua New Guinea,**

*This coming May, we are planning an event in Papua New Guinea—an event so big that it will literally be heard from coast to coast and shake the whole country!*

The occasion for this event is the 50th anniversary of when four of us Bustin children first went to New Guinea—1958. Let me give you some historical background information then fill you in on the exciting and developing plans.

In the year 1900 a little black lady on Andros Island in the Bahamas got saved and began praying for a missionary to come to her Island.

In 1903, Green Tolbert Bustin was born, the answer to that prayer— although, of course, he did not know it for several years to come. (That baby, who became known as, GT Bustin, was my father— and the father of five other Bustin children. All six of us became missionaries and served many years on foreign fields.

In 1940 GT Bustin, answered a call from God and went to Andros Island to see what God had for him there. A revival broke out and the little lady testified that she had been praying for a missionary for 40 years and declared boldly, "Dis am de man!"

The Evangelical Bible Mission was born in that revival.


In 1945, during World War II, God led my father to take the whole family to Haiti where the mission outreach was expanded.

In 1948, God led GT Bustin to pioneer a work in the heart of stone-age New Guinea. Just weeks after he returned to Haiti, our mother passed away and was buried in Haiti. Little did she know that eventually all but one of the six Bustin children would become missionaries to New Guinea— only one, Charles, would continue on in Haiti as a life long Missionary.

Ten years later, in 1958, four of the Bustin Children moved to New Guinea and began doing missionary work. I, Gerald, arrived in February with my father. Lenita and Claudine with Claudine's husband, Victor, arrived in May, and Paul arrived in December— **all in 1958!**

**That was fifty years ago this year!**

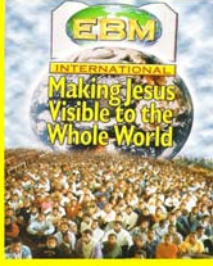
So much has happened during those almost fifty years— too much to tell you in this letter but I will touch on a few things then focus on what is coming.

**WANTOK RADIOLIGHT CRUSADE 2008...**  
In partnership with NEW LIFE RADIO, brings to PNG  
Rev. Gerald Bustin's Crusades... 

**THEME : PNG ON FIRE !!!**



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**Rev. GERALD BUSTIN**

**CRUSADE INFORMATIONS**  
**May 1- 4 at Port Moresby, Sir John Guise Indoor Stadium, 6:30-9:30pm**  
**May 7 -11 at Lae, Sir Ignatius Kilage Stadium, 6:30 - 9:30pm**

For more information contact Wantok Radio Light on : 326 2933 or 326 2533

In 1958, when the four Bustin children arrived, EBM only had one other missionary family on that field.

Lenita went to Kauapena where she started a mission school and began investing her life in the little children of the jungle. She would spend 39 years pouring her life into the people of that land and eventually die and be buried on the mission station (Kauapena) where she had spent her ministry life.

Claudine and Victor Chamberlin were posted to the EBM Tambul mission station and began planting churches and building up that station. The farming projects they started have been the back-bone of supporting that station for almost fifty years!

Under their leadership, Tambul moved from "bush houses" (houses and churches and schools built of raw poles and grass) to permanent buildings with cut and processed timber and metal roofs. Almost fifty years later those houses are still standing and are being occupied by trained National Leaders.

During those early years, Paul and I, still in our teens, were floaters. We went where ever we were needed, helping to build houses at Tambul, assisting to plant churches at Kauapena, and eventually to help pioneer a new mission station in the Wiru Valley. It was a rare Sunday that did not find us preaching in some village church.

Over time, beginning in my teens, I would have the privilege of helping to plant 40 churches in New Guinea. Three of those churches would be in the three largest cities of Papua New Guinea, (the new name chosen when independence came in 1974)

In 1964, another one of the Bustin children, Joanna, along with her husband, Winston, arrived in New Guinea and began assisting Lenita at the Kauapena station. Joanna was a registered nurse and took charge of the mission clinic while Winston plunged into expanding the school.

Eventually Joanna and Winston would move to Pabarabuk, another EBM mission station and would give thousands of school drop-outs a chance at high school. Every one of those students was saturated with prayer and the spiritual atmosphere of the school.

Paul married Joan and moved back to Tambul. I married Roana and we spent a total of nine years of our married lives in Papua New Guinea—where our two children were born.

Other missionaries were recruited, many of whom gave years of valuable service as well. There will be another time and place to tell their story.

***Altogether, we Bustin children, put in a total of approximately 120 years of combined missionary service in New Guinea/Papua New Guinea. When you include our spouses that number becomes nearly 200 years!***

As the years passed, some of those mission school students went on to become leaders of the nation. Others became pastors and evangelists and teachers and nurses and business men and women.

In 1981, while Roana and I were planting churches in Lae, Mt. Hagen and Port Moresby, I asked the government for a license to operate a nation-wide Christian radio station. It took twenty years but on January 14, 2002 that station officially went on the air.

Today this radio ministry is by far the most influential media in Papua New Guinea!

**I believe all this has set the stage for 2008.**

*We are planning major evangelistic crusades in the two largest cities of Papua New Guinea as part of our fiftieth anniversary.*

We are dedicating much of the month of May, 2008 for these crusades. (May was Lenita's birth month as well as the month she arrived in New Guinea.)

*We will end up the crusades in a memorial service for Lenita at Kauapena.*

Based upon past experience we know thousands will attend each crusade. For instance, in 1996 during an outdoor crusade the crowd swelled to 20,000 by the last night. In 2000, during the Goroka crusade, our largest crowd was about 12,000 people

But this time it will be **different— we will have the support of nation-wide radio!**

These crusades will be broadcast live to the nation. The radio will be used effectively to let people in all these major cities know. The crowds will be enormous!

*And I am praying for at least ten thousand people to come to Christ during these crusades.*

We will literally be speaking to the nation— from the top government leaders to the common subsistence farmers— sharing the Gospel with them. Through newspaper stories and television news coverage, the whole nation will know about these events.

And of course, our own Wantok Radio Light will take it nation wide!

I hope you can see the picture of what these events accomplish. This is a chance to impact the whole nation in a new way.

**These crusades have been fifty years in the making! Now it is harvest time PNG!**

We want you to join us in praying for these 50th Anniversary Crusades. We need prayer to cover all the preparations— choice of venues, participants, advertising, organization committees— everything involved! Together we can make an impact on the nation in a new and lasting way.

In February of 1958, I was a fourteen year old boy, landing with my father on the shores of a stone age country. Head-hunters were still stalking their prey using human-bone-tipped arrows and stone axes as weapons. Cannibals were still feasting on human flesh in some areas.

Remote villages in hidden valleys had never seen a missionary or heard the name of Jesus. Evil and darkness and death held sway throughout most of the land.

Fifty years later, that little mission has multiplied to over 500 churches scattered across the nation. And now through radio, we can penetrate every valley and climb every mountain and touch every soul.

In Christian Love,

Gerald Bustin