



## Viva Vox Evangelii

*By singing the songs that God gave us in the Bible, we learn theology. By singing the songs and hymns of the faithful poets and composers of the past and present, we learn theology. By singing these songs, we become VIVA VOX EVANGELII (“the living voice of the Gospel”).*

### **Song About the Good News**

Gutnius em i strong bilong God,  
Inap long kisim bek yumi.  
Sapos yumi bilip long dispela  
Gutnius Bai yumi go wantaim  
Bikpela. (2x) Halleluya!  
Osana long Bikpela antap. (2x)

*The Good News is the strength of God. It is enough to buy us back (i.e. redeem us). Those who believe in this Good News will go together to be with our Lord on high. (2x) Hosanna to our Heavenly Father! (2x)*

Romans 1:16-17



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## Music Projects for PNG

I am finishing up several music projects for the churches in Papua New Guinea and Taiwan. At Timothy Lutheran Church on the campus Timothy Lutheran Seminary, Birip, in PNG the Youth Group led the singing for worship services. Many of the songs were original songs composed by the Youth Director, Badu Amos. Early during our time there I encouraged Badu to write these songs down so they could be preserved and passed on to the next generation. I provided him with some paper and writing utensils and he gladly went to work each day coming to the church since he had no office of his own (picture at right). Several months later he came back with 100 songs in Melanesian Pidgin that he had written down. We then set about to record them. We held about 10 recording sessions with the youth (see below) and recorded 51 of them. This year I was finally able to complete a book containing all these songs and finish editing the audio recordings. Then the problem was finding a way to allow the people in PNG to play and hear the songs in a place where there is little to no electricity. I was able to find some solar-powered MP3 players developed and distributed by a ministry called MegaVoice. I'm happy to report that at this stage we have been able to deliver six copies of the song book



and 49 MP3 players. Badu has requested that we continue the project and we gladly agreed. He is busy writing down more songs and recording them with various groups. He and the pastor of the church, Pastor Jerry Pyao, have informed me that they plan to travel throughout the six regions of the Gutnius (Good News) Lutheran Church in the Enga Province and beyond to share these songs and their faith through them. We pray that God will provide them the support they need and richly bless their efforts. In the meantime, I am completing some additional projects for the musicians in Taiwan and in September had the opportunity to meet with Deaconess Sandra Rhein and new missionary Rebecca Bartelt to discuss other worship and music projects for the Asia Region. Soli Deo Gloria!

