

Lunow Update February 2023

“How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news...announces peace...announces salvation...” -Isaiah 52:7-
 Mid-1950’s Hank & Margie Bock hiked into West Papua mtns, found Sougb tribe, built home, learned language, taught Christ, baptized first 8 believers; Lunows arrived 1969 to continue...



February 2023, Jon & Sherri (representing Lunow family) with Wayne & Joyce Raychard (representing Bock family) arrive in Manokwari West Papua Indonesia, to celebrate with Sougb Churches the 60th Anniversary of Gospel acceptance, repentance, and God’s Word among the Sougb People, in their language, brought by Bocks & Lunows! Celebrations included going on-site to multiple churches gathered on the coast and in the mountains, with banners, hand-shaking, singing, scripture, testimony, drama, photos, gifts, food...



The bags around our necks are called a ‘noken’ (pronounced NO-kin), originally made by Papuans out of bark strands they peeled, rolled, and wove together into net bags for carrying things like food & supplies. Now as Christians, they add Bibles, notes, and gifts, with a new kind of ‘noken’--woven together from various kinds of string, rope, yarn, into colorful designs & words—the ones given to us contained love gifts & ministry reports...



The village of Sururey across Anggi Lake (above middle) is where the Good News of Christ originated with the Sougb people, where the first 8 repented and were baptized (pictured with Hank in the banner photo above right), and where Bock’s and Lunow’s lived and served from (house pictured in background of photo to the right). Drama presentations depicted life/culture without Christ and the changes with Christ





Eight Sougb youth (top left), descendants of the first 8 believers, prepared to obey Jesus in baptism, on the same day 60 years ago, in the same location that Hank baptized the first ones, now with Wayne baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, Holy Spirit. Many more followed, with Jon joining the Sougb missionaries & pastors helping to baptize the rest. Spiritual mentors brought each candidate into and out of the water as community...



More celebrating, remembering, honoring, and encouraging everyone to bring Christ to those who are still without. The Sunday School kids sang "Jesus Loves Me" and the Sougb missionaries sang "Send the Light, the blessed Gospel Light"; Jon stays on til Mar.22nd to help/visit Bible Groups interior and then Sougb missionary project purchases & meetings. THANKS to ALL who gave generously and keep praying! God is answering!! –Jon & Sherri--