

Welcome to the third issue of "Write On." We especially want to welcome the participants of the Wewak Workshop. Our circulation is increasing!

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The Wewak Workshop

Fifteen men and two ladies participated in the writer's workshop in Wewak. They came from Manus, Milne Bay, Western, Madang and East and West Sepik provinces.



This group clearly earned the "most improved" award. Each participant put in many extra hours after class on their writing projects. And they did so well that the facilitator gave them an extra assignment that the other groups didn't do.

Jeremiah 36 is another captivating story that almost nobody knows about. And it is a good text for writers' to write about. I've included the assignment for the rest of you if you want to catch up with the Wewak group

Read to write well

I met an old friend on the street just a few minutes ago; hadn't really talked with him for a few years now. It is great to see him doing well, with family, work, and church ministry. He wants to go to CLTC in 2012 and he asked me what he could do to improve his writing skills. So to answer his question I drew on advice I have seen given in many quarters.

The best way to consistently improve your written expression is to be in the habit of doing regular reading. Reading definitely improves writing. I suggested he read more than newspapers, read things that will challenge your mind and even stretch your English comprehension. I gave him the titles of the books that have come out of the 1st CBM writing competition. It struck me that these are the best books for him to read right now. Write On!

Something we missed

All of us did a writing assignment about Jeremiah being thrown into the cistern. The story is found in Jeremiah chapter 38. Over forty of us read the story and rewrote it in a creative way, but none of us caught in important piece of information. It perhaps goes a long way in explaining why the king did a complete turn-around regarding Jeremiah's condition. And what information is that? To find out, answer these questions. 1. Do you want an old man (or any one or any thing for that matter) dying in your cistern? 2. Whose cistern did the king's officials throw Jeremiah into? 3. Why would the officials do that?

Let this be a lesson to all of us to improve our investigative reporting. We have 6 tools to do the job, and we need to apply brainpower and use them well.

What more have we missed in these stories?

Isaiah is OK

In the last issue of Write On I included a picture of my son Isaiah in a huge leg cast. On Independence Day we received confirmation from the doctor that the bones have healed properly. The cast is off now and Isaiah is now slowly and painfully getting his leg to work again. The doctors says, "He should be running again in two or three weeks time."

Thank you for your prayers.

All the best to you and your families.

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