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Welcome to the 8th edition of Write On.

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Goroka Workshop

Another intermediate workshop came up at Goroka last month. Work commitments prevented some of the participants from coming, but 6 were able to make it and we had an incredibly good time.

We studied the little book of Philemon and especially the background situation of that short letter. If I did this in America, everyone would have been bored and fallen asleep. But people here are so intelligent and clued into relationships and communication situations that this project was fascinating. All seven of us learned so much and I am so excited I would like to write it all down for you right here, but you will have to be patient till the book comes out and we will send you a copy.

Book Launch

After the workshop I was able to go to Ayura and see my kids in school there, then I went to POM to participate in a book launch. Thank you, David Gonol, for planning, organizing, and funding this book launching. Attached is a copy of the Post Courier article telling about it. At the end of the launching people purchased 88 copies of the book and lined up for the author to sign. It was truly a God honoring event. The young people there were very interested in how they could write books themselves and we encouraged them to go ahead and start.

New Book

Enclosed is a copy of David's book. This is the first book of poems that CBM has ever produced. I remember presenting the manuscript to the editorial committee here (they are the body that chooses what to print

and what not to print). I estimated in my own mind that there was a 50/50 chance that they would accept it or reject it. I am so glad to say that I underestimated the men and woman on that committee. All of them fully endorsed **I've Grown the Love Jesus** and now the book is printed and available and I am sure that God is using it in many peoples' lives.

My Privilege

I was in some meetings this past week with leaders from most of the 26 church denominations in Wewak. I was asked to give a brief on the ministries I am involved in. I told them that for many years I have been carrying two dreams inside me. I told them that one of them is still in the process of being fulfilled, the other one I was holding in a zip-up folder.

They were all curious and I unzipped up the folder and took out **Groping for God, The Human Death, Living Your Dreams, and I've Grown to Love Jesus**. Having a part in publishing these books is like the first fruits of my dream fulfilled. And tears literally come to my eyes as I consider how privileged I am to be part of this movement of God.

My prayer is that these are just the first fruits and many more harvests are still ahead. So, my friends, please Write On.

Tok Save

My daughter will be graduating from Ukarumpa International School next June. Then, Lord willing, I will be taking my family to the U.S. for a year. My tok save is that I will continue to be available to all of you to assist with writing projects. If you want feedback, or editing, or whatever, I will be glad to assist.

The next Intermediate Workshop will be in Wewak probably in February. Some of you are very interested to come, could you let me know if this will work for you?

Thank you and God bless.

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Gonol writes a book



The publisher of the book Reggie Howard and the author David Gonol showing the newly launched book.

By BOLA NOHO

DAVID Gonol's determination to succeed in life and other primary school days' goals after scoring a zero in an English test are being realised. Mr Gonol, 27, from Glaugla tribe in Lower Kagul of Tambul Nebilya District, Western Highlands Province, graduated from the University of PNG in law school in 2009.

He will later this year graduate from the Legal Training Institute (LTI) and is the Deputy Registrar of the National Court in Waigani.

Mr Gonol is not married but said a wife would come to him naturally because it is a blessing from God whom he was serving.

Mr Gonol wrote the book "I've grown to love Jesus" to express how he felt while growing up in a Christian environment.

"I wrote this book to tell the world how I love Jesus and how I am passionate about living the original life of the Creator," said Mr Gonol while launching the book last Saturday.

The book contains poems, guidelines for better Christian life, personal experiences with Christ and encouragement for young Christians.

The copies of the book are now selling in all the Melanesian Christian Book Shop branches throughout PNG for only K4.

Two things that motivated him to write that book were the English language, including reading, writing and speaking and the love for Jesus Christ.

Mr Gonol said although he scored As and Bs in all other subjects, he always score Ds and Fs in English in his early school days and that had caused him to write the book.

He said although his English writing, reading and speaking was poor in those days, he was determined to become a lawyer in the future.

"One day after an English test at the school I scored zero on my test paper. With that zero on my back as burden, I ran straight into the coffee garden and started crying and wailing as I broke down in prayer," he said.

He said it was in his prayers that he made a commitment to write a book and obtain a law degree from a university.

Mr Gonol said it was a challenge he had to endure if he was to write a book in perfect English and become a lawyer.

He said the second motivating factor to write the book was Jesus whom he was passionate about and the life in Him.

The Constitutional Law Reform Commission Secretary Eric Kwa, who is also the author of seven books in law, while congratulating Mr Gonol said Mr Gonol's book was a legacy.

"David will die one day but his book will remain. That is the legacy he will leave behind. I am encouraging young Papua New Guineans to write books," he said. Mr Gonol's relatives, his school mates, friends, the congregation, the pastors and leaders of the church he attends were at hand to congratulate him for the book.