

Nobonob Nius

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INTRODUCTION

This newsletter is again prepared for those who attended the previous Writers' Courses at the Creative Training Centre, Nobonob, Madang.

In some cases this is a good service for you to keep in touch with your friends who are writers.

We are mostly dealing information that some of you have sent in to us. Also few other which think might be interesting to you.

If your name does not ^{appear} in both newsletters No. 1 and 2 and if you want it to be appear in the next newsletter then send us your information with the address.

Please notify the editor if anything in this newsletter makes you unhappy.

Here we have a gentle man from Lae. Do you still remember him? He is Mr. Beremu Sesiguo of Garaina.

Mr. Beremu now is a second year student at Balob teachers' College, Lae. Let us see what he has for us down below.

"I was pleased to receive the newsletter from you a few weeks ago.

"I am doing my second year of study at Balob, and that I am doing "C" course. In our class we have twenty five students. It is a mix class of six "B" students and the rest "C" students. Out of these twenty five nine of us are male students and the rest are female students.

"Besides the study, though I have a lack of time, I do some writing. I am working on two stories "The Kind Spirits" and "A Divorce In Death." will be sent to the writing of Kristen Pres Inc.

"In elective groups of various activities of the college I am included in the College Newspaper Staff (Balob Post). Whenever you met articles of Option Groups in Balob Post it would be always written by me.

"One other thing about the sport is that I am one of the best distant runner of the college at the moment."

He also says, "I want the newsletter to be printed or publish in Pidgin and in English."

Thank you Mr. Beremu, for sending us your news. We will put out a Pidgin addition later. Oh! Teacher Beremu, I suppose you are a busy man aren't you? Mr Beremu we hope that you win the contest we (K.P.I.) announced.

Mr. Beremu attended the writers' course in January 1971. His address is on the next page.

Mr. Beremu H. Sesiguo
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Our next friend is Mr. Paul Kavon. Mr. Paul Kavon is a very busy man at the moment. He is handling two classes at Medina Primary 'T' School, Kavieng, New Ireland. Mr. Paul says, "I prefer English to be used in Nobonob Nius." He also says, "I began with my play writing and it is more than half way finished, but I am still not fully satisfied. There are still some loose ends and parts to rewrite or omit but I am trying to finish it as soon as I can.

"About my wife...Well, she is also a teacher. She is teaching home economics. She is from Kavieng."

Thanks a lot, Paul, for your interesting letter. Continue on like this. We hope you will do very well with your play. Mr. Paul attended the writer's course in December, 1970. His address is:

Mr. Paul Kavon  
Medina Primary T School  
Kavieng,  
New Ireland

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In fact we have another friend in New Ireland besides Mr. Paul and Miss Doris (we will meet her later). He is Mr. Sam Rabonara.

Mr. Sam is teaching at Messi Primary T School. He says, "I have settled down already. But I find it very hard to teach these children because they haven't been taught properly before. Anyway I am trying my very best to teach them."

Mr. Sam also says, "My wife is from Kavieng. She is a teacher of Standard 4 here at Messi. Both of us graduated from Gaulim Teacher's College."

My word! All our friends in New Ireland are teachers. Isn't that interesting?

Thank you very much, Sam, for your fine letter. We hope that, in the long run you'll find it easy to teach. By the way, don't forget to tell us whatever the news you have. His address:

Mr. Sam Rabonara
Messi Primary T School
c/- Kalili
P.M.B. Kavieng,
New Ireland District.

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Miss Doris Pairava is now teaching at Ranmelek Primary T School in New Hanover, New Ireland District. She wrote to us and said, "Thanks very much for sending me Nobonob Nius with Newsletter No. 1. In reading through the newsletter I was interested to read and know what my fellow New Guinean writing friends are concerned about as writers for New Guinea."

She went on, "I am now teaching at Ranmelek T. School in New Hanover in New Ireland District. I am teaching Standard 5 with 21 students. The school is 100 yards away from the shore. The school is very good with hard-working children. They cooperate together with teachers in making the school better.

"Now I am thinking and preparing to write a play on "Gazelle Problems," and a short story about the islands surrounding New Hanover, including New Hanover, for the competition."

Congratulations, Doris, for sending us interesting news. Keep up like this. We hope you will end up with interesting plays and stories.

Miss Doris participated in the writer's course in January 1971. Her address:

Miss Doris Pairava  
United Church Primary T School  
Ranmelek  
New Hanover  
Via Kavieng, New Ireland District

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The next gentleman we have is Peter Wia from Mt. Hagen. Mr. Peter Wia is now a student at the Holy Trinity Teacher's College, Mt. Hagen. He was the energetic and the funniest fellow we had during the writer's course in January this year.

Let us see what he says here: "I enjoyed reading the manuscript which was posted to me recently. I pinned the newsletter on our college library wall for everybody to read and know who some of the former writers are and what they do at the present.

"Well sir, I am busy all the time at the college with my studies and practical teaching which takes too much time. I had my first teaching two weeks ago and the next round will be on May 9th. At present I am busy writing some poems and short stories for the territory short story contest."

Well Peter, we are very grateful to you for sending us your information. Since you will be going to Lae in September (the 14th) with 30 other chaps to put on a play, we'll be hoping to hear even more from you.

Try your best and win a prize, Peter!

His address: Mr. Peter Wia  
Holy Trinity Teacher's College  
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Mt. Hagen, W.H.D.

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Here is our friend Mr. Joe Nidue from Sepik.

Mr. Joe is now a teacher at St. Xavier's high school on Kairuru Island, Wewak, East Sepik District. He says,

"I have read the Nobonob Nius-Newsletter No. 1 of March 5 and was truly happy about its contents. Couldn't be better.

"I am writing a Pidgin Play, "Highlighting," and another, "Bride Price," for the Wewak Drama Festival to be held on 5th and 6th of June."

Thank you, Joe, for telling us what you are doing. Please Joe, don't forget to tell us something after the Drama Festival has taken place.

Mr. Joe attended the Writer's Course in January 1971. His address is: Mr. Joe Nidue  
St. Xavier's High School  
Kairuru Island  
Wewak, E.S.D.

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Here we have a friend who has given us some interesting and surprising news. She is Miss Sagilam Kadeu from Madang. She is now a staff member of Balob Teacher's College.

Here is her news: "I am going on a trip to a country in

Southeast Asia. Guess which--it's made up of islands. Here it is--Japan!!! I am going in August, for the whole month of August. I'll be attending a Workshop, something to do with the Education in Papua and New Guinea. There'll be 16 other Southeast Asian and Pacific countries attending. There'll be 15 of us from Papua and New Guinea (and 15 from each of the other countries).

"I am settling in very well, and making myself at home at Balob. I do like my job very much. I like the students. They are nice to me. I am very thankful to the Lord that I am fitting into the activities and things at Balob beautifully.

"I am the Health Lecturer at the College, and I supervise Practice Teaching. I am also the Assistant Sports Mistress and Assistant Choir Director. I also take the Recorder Elective which is made up of 15 students, both first and second year students. I take part in the sports as well as being the Sports Mistress (ASSISTANT).

"Thank you for sending me the Nobonob Nius."

Thank you, Sagilam, for your fine job of sending us interesting news. We encourage you to send us more news or anything that might be interesting to put in the Newsletter.

We wish you'll have a joyous and blessed trip to Japan. We also hope that you'll have some interesting stories for us when you come back to New Guinea.

Miss Sagilam attended the Writer's Course in December 1970. Her address: Miss Sagilam Kadeu  
Balob Teachers College  
P.O. Box 80  
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Some surprising news is that our friend Miss Toina Jacob is now in Fiji. She is attending the Pacific Conference of Churches Women's Meeting. Miss Toina is the delegate from the Evangelical Lutheran Church of New Guinea (ELCONG). She will be in Fiji for three weeks and then will stop in Australia for a few days.

A funny thing happened on the way: Toina's suitcase was in Port Moresby when she arrived in Fiji. When she got out of the plane she was trying to collect her suitcase, but she couldn't find it. So she had to stay in Fiji without new clothes for a while.

Probably Toina won't forget to tell us how she got to Fiji and what she did in Fiji when she comes back.

Miss Toina Jacob took part in the Writer's Course in January 1971. Her address: Miss Toina Jacob  
Lutheran Mission Baitabag  
P.O. Box 676  
Madang

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It is very sad to hear that our friend Mr. Teddy Ganau is no longer working for Wantok. We heard that he got a new job but we do not know where he is. Let's wait and see whether he will write to us or not.

Mr. Teddy attended the Writer's Course in January 1971.

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WRITER'S COURSE AT ANGUGANAK, WEST SEPIK

There were 15 men and women in the Writer's Course at Anguganak in the West Sepik District. The two whites and 13 blacks all came from different church organizations in the Sepik District. They are:

Wally Sim (Eretei) and Les Loader (Ambenob), both missionaries; Suren Martin (Sibilanga); J. Yisimben Yinawo (Sibilanga); Robert Inandiok Hayaku (Anguganak); Aifon Samson (Lumi); Nanau Susuma and Inikio Sosmekul (Green River), all were from Christian Missions in Many Lands.

Majori Molanipan and Gloria Wonbaip (Yagrumbok); Rosemary Bein and Daniel Apomio (Brugam); Titus Gumai (Balif), all came from South Seas Evangelical Mission.

Sailas Sakupuk (Wewak) and David Silingin (Maprik) came from the Assembly of God mission.

Mr. Glen Bays was their teacher. The course was conducted in Pidgin. It began on the 5th April and ended on the 15th.

The Anguganak students said, "We have learned many things in the course. We have learned how to write stories and news."

Those participants in the Anguganak course are now putting out a publication containing news of all types and stories. They named the publication "Save Nau, Sepik Nius I Kam Long Ol Pipel." The publication will be issued every month.

A poem written by one of the participants at the Anguganak Writer's Course follows:

My Friend--Gecko

On the top of the roof I hear tak, tak, tak,  
Inside the fence I hear tak, tak, tak,  
Eyes open and the mouth says tak, tak, tak.  
Thus my ears open  
And I hear tak, tak tak.

What are you doing, my friend Gecko?  
Tak, tak, tak, it strolls about,  
Also its tail is very small,  
But I don't know his whereabouts.  
Thus, again I hear tak, tak, tak.

Are you hungry?  
Tak, tak, tak, it glances.  
It glances at an ant,  
It leaps for a catch,  
But unfortunately it falls to the ground.  
I hear its last sayings, tak, tak, tak.

By Yisimben Yinawo  
(Translated by A.K. Waim)

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Our former lecturer, Mr. Glen Bays, has returned to Madang after conducting the workshop at Anguganak. He won't be at home for long, as he will be conducting another workshop in the Western Highlands District. The course will be held at the Christian Leader's Training College, Banz. It is commencing from 18th and ends on 28th May this year. I suppose he is very busy at the moment.

By the way, he was riding his bicycle and fell off, but he wasn't hurt so badly. He is all right now for going to Banz. We hope he won't fall off his bicycle again.

Here comes the editor, Mr. A.K. Waim.

Well friends, my news is this: In March I went down to Lae and had an interview with a man by the name of Rev. Zurewe. It took me two days to cover the whole subject. I recorded everything Rev. Zurewe said and flew back to Madang. Here at Nagada (Kristen Pres) I transferred Zurewe's words into a book. I am working on this book, on the subject of "The Church and Independence."

Besides this work I am editing this newsletter. I am also going to the workshop at Banz with Mr. Bays.

At nights I have leisure to work on my play that I want to enter in the competition. I am saying that it will be very nice if one of us wins the prize.

After all, on behalf of myself and Mr. Bays, I would like to say a sincere thanks to those of you who have sent us information. You are all remembered. And wishing you all the best.

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