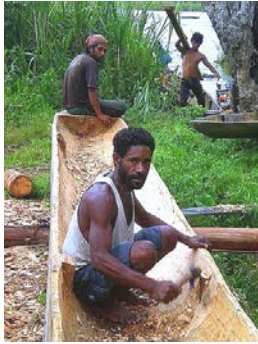


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Issue 24: Darkness to Light—Siud’s Story

## Jesus Changes People

The Bible says, “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come.”  
2 Corinthians 5:17

This is not only true of one person, but it is also true of a whole culture, when a people group receives the truth about Jesus.

This story about Siud and the Kimyal tribe are one example of 2 Corinthians 5:17.

## Siud’s Story: From Darkness to Light



Papua, Indonesia

Siud sat on a ridge, thinking, where he could see the sharp mountain ranges of his tribe’s area of Papua, Indonesia. He was just a boy. No one from outside his world knew the Kimyal tribe existed, and the Kimyal knew nothing beyond their world, either. Siud was next in the line of many generations of strong shaman (witch doctor) chiefs. Siud’s father had begun to train his boy to take his place. “I can’t do it,” Siud decided. “Why must we do all of these hard things so the ancestor spirits will not harm us?”





There must be a God who loves us, and one day I will learn about him.”

Years later, in 1963, Phil Masters and Bruno deLeeuw came to the top of the ridge above Siud’s village in the Korupun valley. They saw villages of the tribe they had trekked days to find, the Kimyal.



Siud’s heart was already prepared to listen to the Message about Jesus that Phil brought. As Phil learned the Kimyal language and each Sunday walked to a village to tell them the Good News of Jesus, Siud went along and helped carry things, eager to hear the stories of a loving God. Some say he was the first

Kimyal who decided to follow Jesus. He was also one of the boys in Phyliss’s class to learn to “take words” (read).

Phil Masters died after being at Korupun with the Kimyal tribe only five years.

After Phil’s death, Siud was one of the eager boys given battery operated machines to play cassettes in the villages – cassettes Phil had made of Bible stories and songs in Kimyal.

Klines came to continue the work at Korupun soon after Phil died. In 1973, Siud was one of fifteen in the first baptism, and later was made one of the first three church leaders, called elders, of the new Christians. Eager for the Word of God, Siud helped Elinor Young find language helpers when she came to do Bible translation.

When Orin and Rosa Kidd came, Orin began discipling Siud and other leaders, teaching them how to study the



The Good News Translation puts 2 Corinthians 5:17-18 this way:

<sup>17</sup>Anyone who is joined to Christ is a new being; the old is gone, the new has come. <sup>18</sup>All this is done by God, who through Christ changed us from enemies into his friends and gave us the task of making others his friends also.

Let’s look at verse 18 more closely.

Did you notice? There is BIG little word in 2 Corinthians verse 18; the word **and**.

God saved us from our sins, making us into His friends

**AND**

“gave us the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_”

his \_\_\_\_\_ also.”

Actually, we can’t make anyone change in any way. God can, though, just as He did with us!

What God wants us to do is tell people about Jesus and how he can bring



to them and everyone around them, just like he did to Siud and the whole Kimyal tribe.



Before they heard about Jesus, Siud and the other Kimyals were like people in chains — chained by fear of keeping the spirits happy. Otherwise, the spirits would do things to make them die.

Then they heard about what Jesus did so God could forgive their sins. They said, “We will follow Him,” and were free!



But what if no one had taken the Gospel to them?

## The Great Commission

Matthew 28:19-20 and beyond

2 Corinthians 5:17-18 (NIV)

‘Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!’<sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:

Bible and be good church leaders.

At first the men didn’t want to answer Orin’s questions about what verses meant. “We can’t know. We’re just babies. You tell us.” Orin refused to spoon-feed. “Read it, and think,” he said.



Orin Kidd and Siud

One day Siud “got it” – the first of the men who did. “Orin!” he said, “I know what this says! I hear what God says!” That Sunday Siud preached the passage with all his heart. He had learned to hear the Teacher, the Holy Spirit. It was not long before Siud also understood about discipling, or teaching others. He began with his wife. His wife – a **woman!** Kimyals thought women could not and should not learn what men knew, so Siud’s teaching his wife showed how God was remaking this dark culture.

As Elinor Young and her Kimyal helpers translated more books from the Bible, Siud’s

knowledge of Scripture grew. His sermons compared Scripture with Scripture with good illustrations from Kimyal life.

One Sunday Siud, now a grown man and pastor, stood in front of the people in church and cried as he said, “We used to walk in the darkness, but now we walk in the Light.” ■

## Update

In March, 2010, the complete Kimyal New Testament in one book, which Siud had longed for, arrived, and was dedicated. This is Pastor Siud saying a prayer of thanks as the boxes of New Testaments were unloaded from the airplane.



See and hear more about the Kimyal story at [www.worldteam.org/our-fields/kimyal-history](http://www.worldteam.org/our-fields/kimyal-history) and at

[www.youtube.com/user/worldteamINTL#p/a/u/0/TdWUdLV8HhI](http://www.youtube.com/user/worldteamINTL#p/a/u/0/TdWUdLV8HhI)



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Can you see why a butterfly can be a picture of this verse?

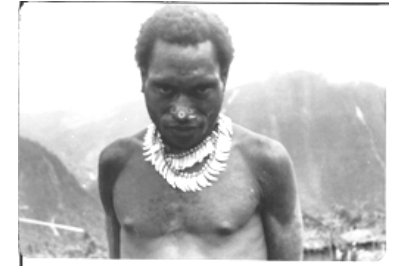
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