

Wednesday

4) What do the illustrations (photographs, maps) tell you? How do they help you to understand the text?

5) In the following sentence, the word remote most likely means...

In Papua New Guinea, no roads lead to the remote jungle hamlets or to the schools that serve them.

- a) far away
- b) near by
- c) poor
- d) close

Thursday

6) Which sentence supports the main idea of the article?

- a) Volunteers from Hope Worldwide, an organization, are committed to bringing books to people in this area of Papua New Guinea.
- b) Then, they unload the boxes of books to take them to the small villages in the highlands.
- c) The people of Amia gratefully read their books and look forward to the next supply.
- d) They are all excited about receiving a new supply of books.

I chose ____ because

7) If you could choose one word from the list to describe the volunteers, what word would you use and why?

Determined Selfless Brave Hard-working



Child enjoying a book in the village of Mogi-agi.

Papua New Guinea

In Papua New Guinea, no roads lead to the remote jungle hamlets or to the schools that serve them. Volunteers from Hope Worldwide, an organization, are committed to bringing books to people in this area of Papua New Guinea. They begin their journey in a four-by-four truck, on a road cut into the steep hillside. After a long, bumpy ride, they eventually come to a village called Mogi-agi, which means ‘up-and-down road,’ a perfect description for the surrounding landscape.



Independent State of Papua New Guinea
Capital: Port Moresby
Estimated Population: 5,000,000

Papua New Guinea (Pah-Poo-Ah New Gee-Nee) lies in the Pacific Ocean. It consists of around eight hundred islands just north of Australia and east of Indonesia. The terrain is rugged, with deep valleys and gorges. Most of the country is covered by tropical rainforest. Although the official language is English, over seven hundred other languages are spoken.

At the Villages

At Mogi-agi, students and their teacher file out of the school to greet the volunteers. They are all excited about receiving a new supply of books. But the volunteers aren't done yet. They still have to reach a further destination deeper in the jungle, the village of Amia. They cross a river in their truck and drive until they can go no further. Then, they unload the boxes of books to take them to the small villages in the highlands. From here they must walk for four hours, up the pass and over several ridges, crossing log bridges while carrying the boxes of books on their shoulders. They head up the valley to where the trail stops. Along the way, people who live along the trail bring sugarcane to the volunteers so they can eat.



Children in the village of Mogi-agi enjoying the books delivered by Hope Worldwide.

Village of Amia

When they finally reach Amia, young people come running to meet them. The volunteers have come to help them start a library. The young people carry books and supplies into the school. The volunteers have brought over a hundred books on their backs. And books are not the only things they deliver. They also bring desperately needed medicines, such as antibiotics and aspirin. The people of Amia gratefully read their books and look forward to the next supply.



Children in the village of Amia enjoying the books delivered by the volunteers.



Volunteers delivering books, as well as other desperately needed items, to the village of Amia.