

Partnerships with PNG schools



Promising possibilities and some potholes

The Reality

If your dream is to go into PNG with a mission to save and to fix . . . save yourself (and everybody else) the bother and find a project closer to home.

Go to PNG

To expand your horizons and those of your schools

To learn

To make friends

To help and maybe to do something worthwhile

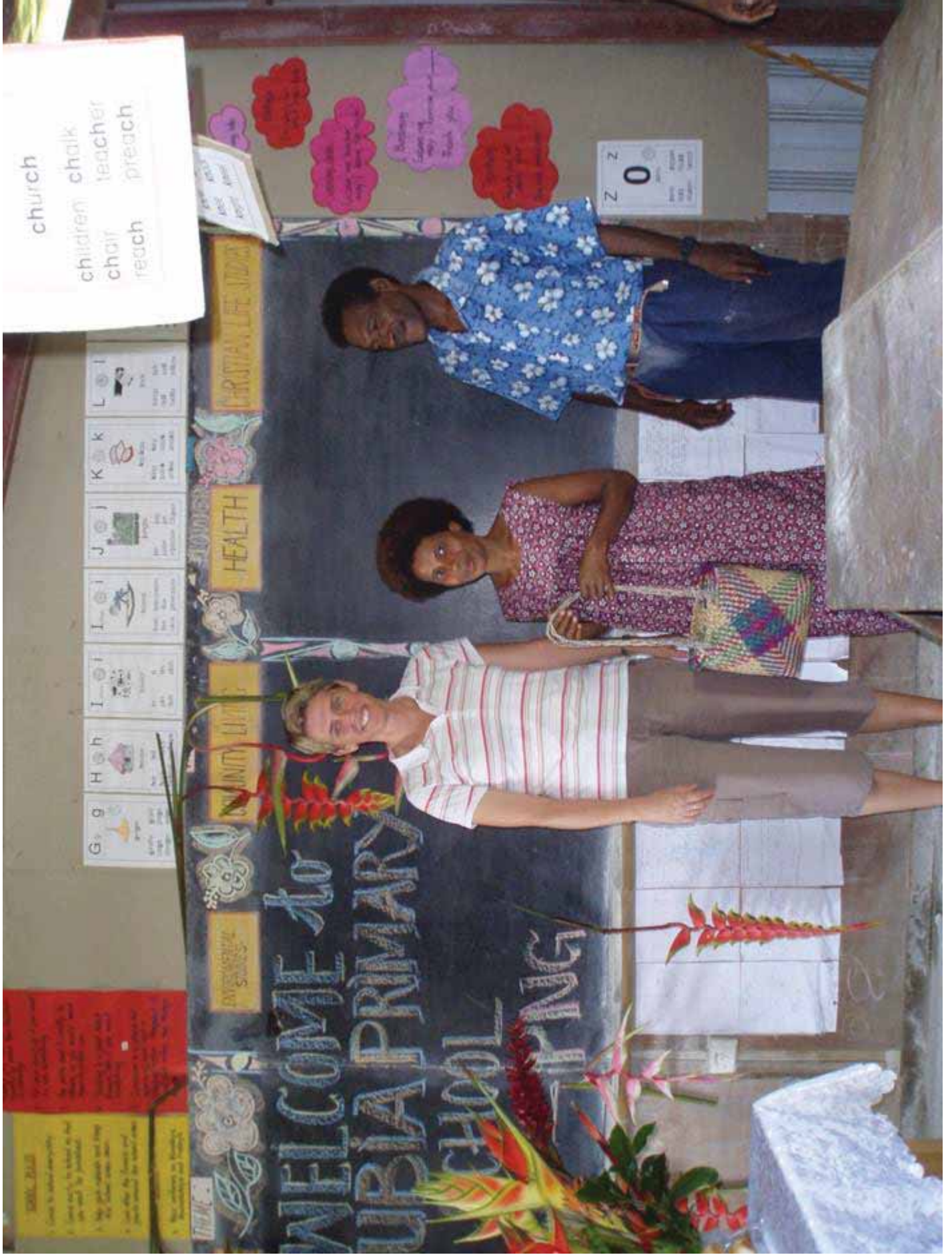
But leave a condescending attitude behind.

People and
relationships
are what it's
all about









church
children
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English Language Learning Cards:

- G g: Goggles, Giraffe, Gum, Glasses, Goat, Goggles, Giraffe, Gum, Glasses, Goat
- H h: Hat, Hand, Hair, Heart, Horse, Hat, Hand, Hair, Heart, Horse
- I i: Ice cream, Insect, Island, Insect, Island, Ice cream, Insect, Island, Insect, Island
- J j: Juice, Jump, Jacket, Juice, Jump, Jacket, Juice, Jump, Jacket
- K k: Kite, Kick, Kangaroo, Kite, Kick, Kangaroo, Kite, Kick, Kangaroo
- L l: Leaf, Lion, Lamp, Leaf, Lion, Lamp, Leaf, Lion, Lamp

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

HEALTH

COMMUNITY LIFE

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

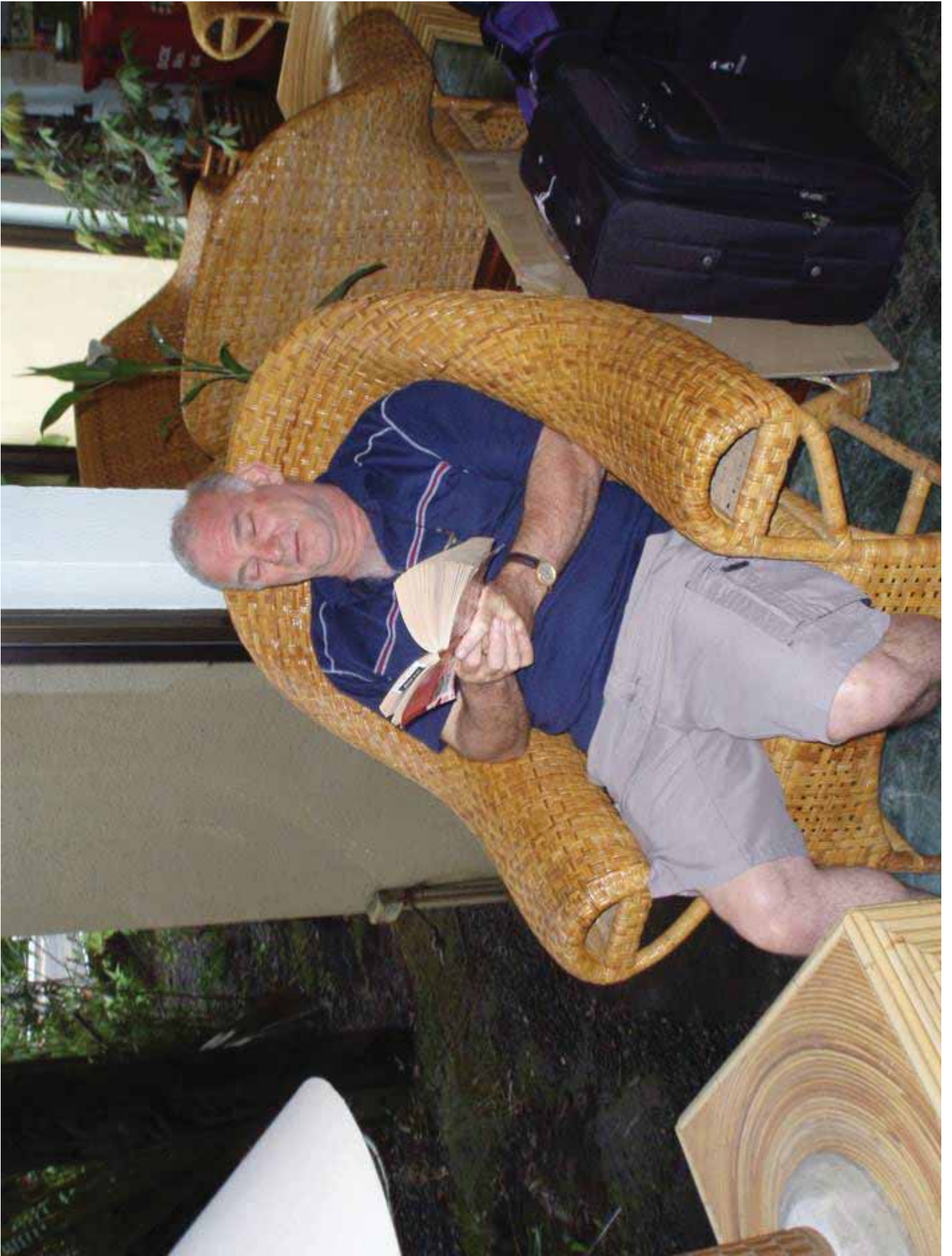
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SCHOOL

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Decorative cards with text:

- Red cloud: "I am a teacher and I love to teach."
- Pink cloud: "I am a student and I love to learn."
- Purple cloud: "I am a parent and I love to support my child's education."
- Red cloud: "I am a community member and I love to help others."





PNG schools have highly professional teachers who have much to teach Australian teachers about pedagogy and professionalism.

PNG schools have students who are grateful for the opportunity to learn.



PNG schools have supportive parents and communities.

PNG schools and communities have affection and respect for Australia.

SCHOOL RULES

1. Come to school everyday.
2. Come early to school so that you won't be punished.
3. Help pick rubbish and keep the school area clean.
4. Look after the flowers and plants around the school area.
5. Wear uniforms at all times
6. Wear uniforms on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

CLASSROOM RULES

1. Always pay attention and listen carefully when the teacher is talking.
2. Put your hand up if you want to say something.
3. Be polite and friendly to others as you would want them to treat you.
4. Stealing is a bad habit. Always ask if you want something.
5. Classroom is a place for learning and not a playing field. Respect it and look after the things inside.

THEME:





PNG schools are faithful servants of the Gospel and work closely with the Church.



It is appropriate to show respect
and be prepared to learn.



PNG schools struggle with many things:

Decaying Infrastructure.

Demoralised principals and leaders.

Centralised bureaucratic control insensitive to local conditions.

Unrealistic national curriculum initiatives.

Poor salaries and conditions for teachers.

... And also many of the current problems facing Australian schools.











Promising Possibilities

Sister School Arrangements – pen pals, visits of students, staff, principals.

Offering Scholarships – boarding or home stay – competitive academic

Identifying collaborative projects – helping to improve infrastructure

Staff exchanges – short or long term – rotating through a number of staff members

Guest Lectureships – in areas of short supply e.g. Maths, Physics, Chemistry, ICT

Joint Professional Development – for PNG and Australian staff; leadership training

Potential Potholes . .



Communication can be difficult

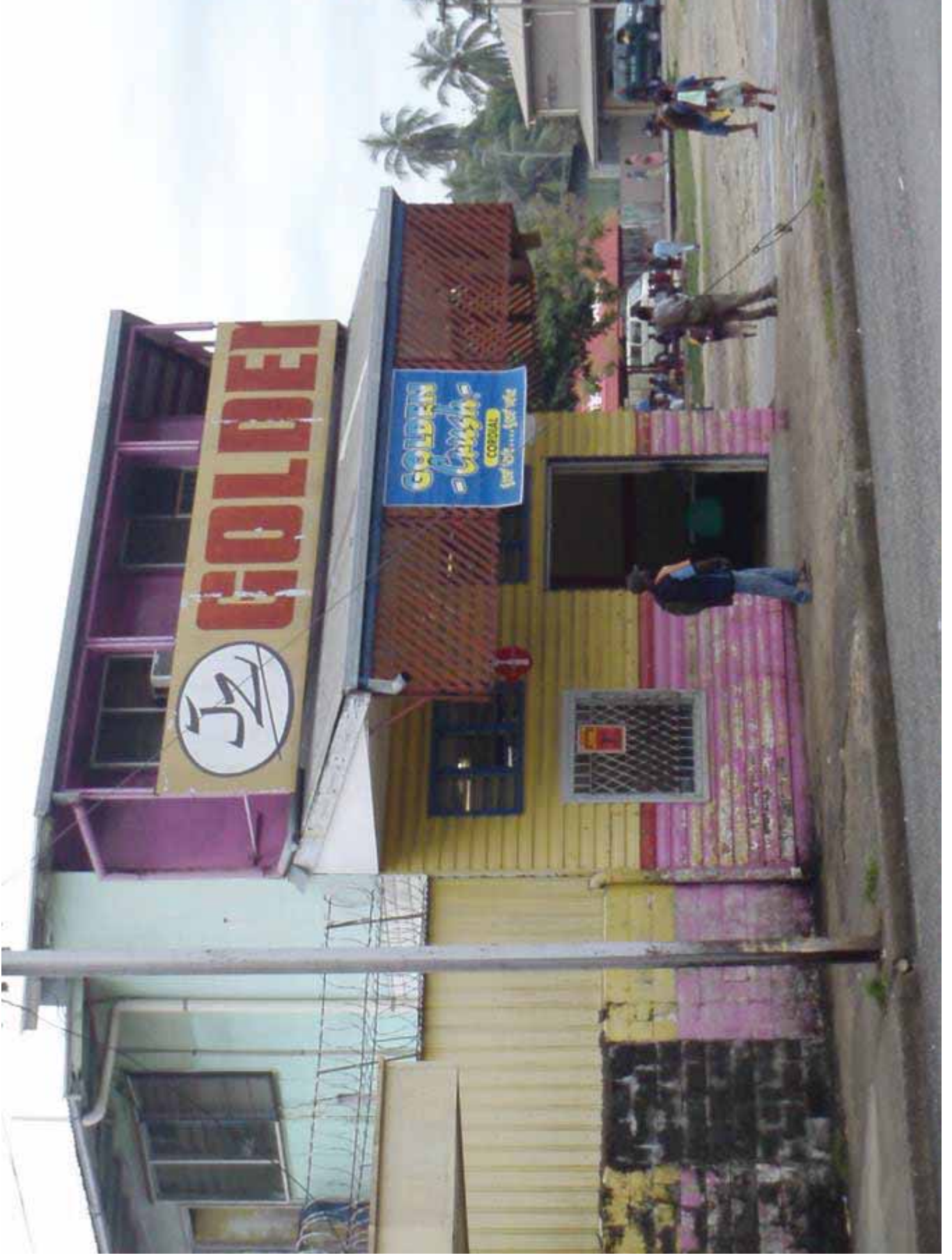
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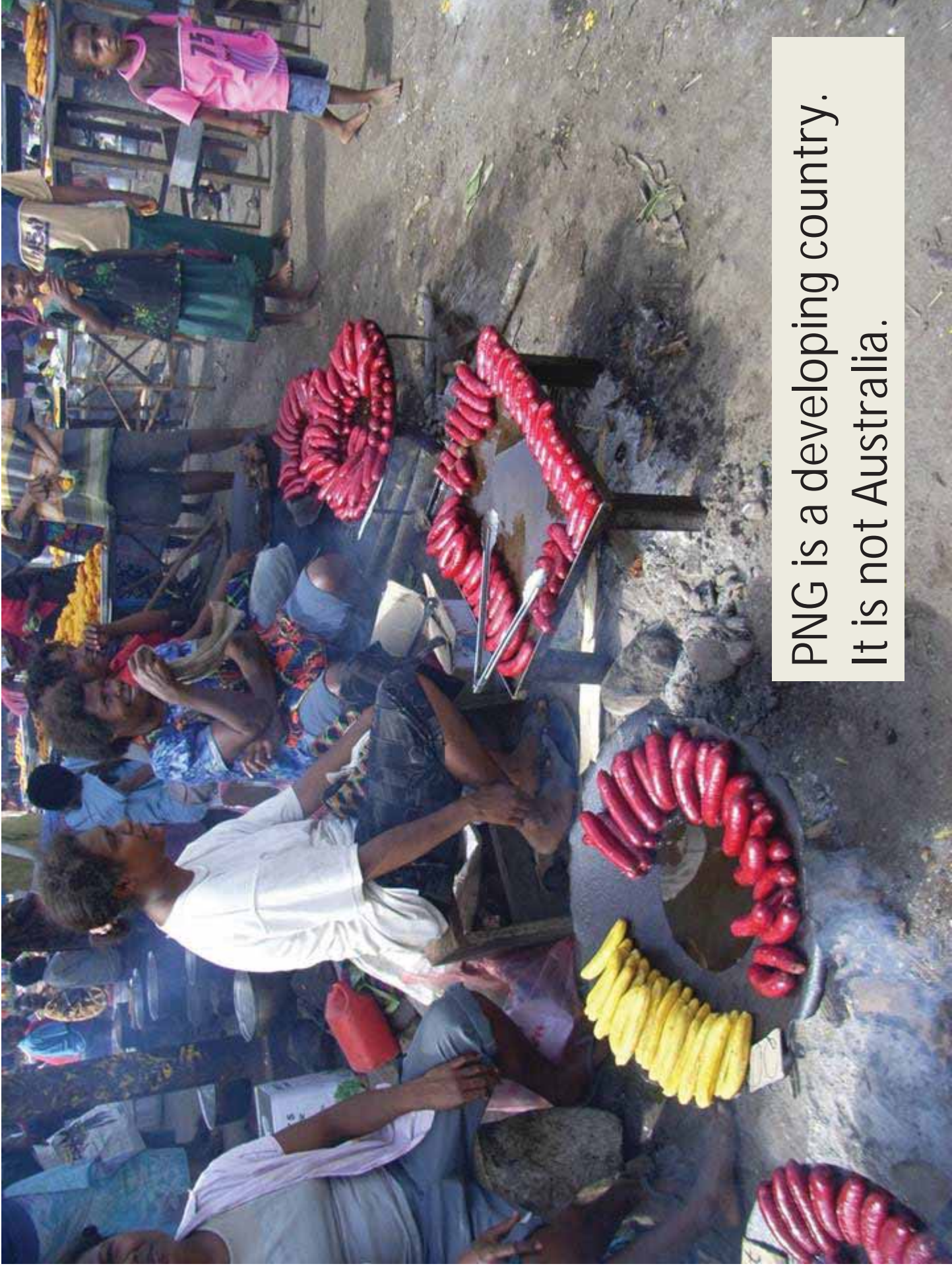
Crime and violence are much more prevalent than in most areas of Australia.











PNG is a developing country.
It is not Australia.



The voice of experience

Keep these people fully informed of your plans:

- National Director (Adrienne Jericho)
- PNG Church and education officials
- Raene David (Education Secretary in Lae)
- Mr Lارجي (Education Secretary in Madang)

Work through existing channels (see above).

For your first visit to PNG it is a good idea (but not necessary) to tag along with a group with an existing partnership.

Start small and make sure you don't over promise. Things don't need to happen overnight.