



**Welcoming New Volunteers**

SCF welcomes the following volunteers for this month:

- Dr Tom Kukhang -
- Edward Yagama - HP Kainantu
- Moses Kaigu - National Aids Council

**Fathers of Simbu**

**Our Ancestors:** Simbu is mountainous with less land for cultivation but our fathers chose to be farmers than nomads. They turned hills into gardens and valleys into villages and defended their territories with their lives so we can have a future. **Tutul and Luluai:** There was no vehicles but our fathers used their shoulders to transport. There was no telephone but our fathers ran long distances to deliver messages. When schools were introduced our fathers pushed us through as great **KONDOM AGAUNDO** once said, “wanpla taim bai yu lukim ol pikinini blong mi” **Independence:** Those words saw Sir Joseph Nombri engineering the “Buli Beef” that set PNG on the road to independence. When the highlands region was hard to penetrate Sir Iambaki Okuk initiated what would be the countries life line. When there was a high risk of draining the public purse Sir Ignasius Kilage stood as the first Ombudsman with his no non sense approach. When our natural trees were clearing way for the next generation Sir Kobale Kale quickly introduced another species that would help us build better houses. Our fathers cared for us but it is sad we are loosing that vision and wisdom. It will take a long time for anyone to fill in the shoes of these role models because they put people before themselves. ( *see Poet’s Corner*).

**Team Ok Tedi leads by Example**

Team Ok Tedi in their effort to send their members to attend the 2007 Xmas Ball in Simbu raised K3600. That was used to meet their expenses and commit their pledge to SCF. The support shown by the Simbus there is highly applauded: Those who contributed were:

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|--------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Girua Tagu               | John Nime    | Kua Baundo    |
| Margaret Funtengim       | Peter Sil    | Michael Kambu |
| Norman Gundu             | Ambane Mondo | Martin Kuman  |
| James Waisime & Family   |              | Jaffrey Bare  |
| Jessie Leo Pile & Family |              | Bonma Danga   |
| Tolly Tara & Family      |              | Ami Morris    |
| Philip Morua & Family    |              | Joe Bakme     |
| Jonathan Y Nul & Family  |              |               |
| Eric Kuman & Family      |              |               |

We thank those Simbus, families & friends who committed themselves to supporting SCF. We had lots of smiles at the Peads Ward

**SPECIAL CHILDREN**

**IRUGL CARE CENTRE (Pg2)  
ORPHANS**

Michael Kolma 6



Maria Ormi 8



Betty Steven 12



Richard Asue 13



Anet Mond 17



*A child only needs a smile to know what’s in your heart*

*Bush Poet*

*“We give without hesitation, we hug when you expect a hand, our tears express our hearts - they call us Simbus”*



**A Very Special Place in Simbu**



**IRUGL CARE CENTRE**

Tucked away at the foot of Mt Wilhelm is a very special place - **IRUGL CARE CENTRE**. It's special because it's home to some 30 plus disadvantaged children. The children come from different family situational problems, some are orphans, some come from divorced parents, some are neglected or unwanted and some are from very poor families who can not afford to look after them.

**HISTORY:** The centre was established in March 2003 by Martin Van Der Palen (A Dutch Man) to fulfil his late wife's request to set up a care centre

for disadvantage children. Martin who was a lay missionary in the pre independence period met his wife Agatha and spend most of his life in the area before moving back to Holland with his wife. Knowing the needs of the local community intimately and dramatically at a personal level, suffering the death of his wife, having returned to PNG he determined to set establish a care centre. The Centre is well developed in a short time through private finance (from Europe by friends of Martin Van Der Palen) labour & management (provided through the family of Martin Tine and local people) but currently needs both expertise and finance to continue developing, especially following the ill health of Mr Van Der Palen who has re-

**The young people at the Care Centre**



turned to Holland. **CHILDREN:** The children are all attending schools (Technical, Primary & High School). They sell fresh vegetables such as strawberries to meet their school fees and other needs. The road to Kundiawa is in a terrible state and at times it's impassable when the weather is bad. Such situation suppresses their efforts in generating their



**A pot of strawberries**

revenue. Martin Tine and his family have taken great care in looking after these children but since there is greater demand they needed support. No help has being sought, financially or otherwise from any Government Department, NGO or politician.



**Manually grinding wheat**

**HIGHLIGHT:** An orphan who was brought up by Irugl Care Centre became the Dux of Mt Wilhelm High School last year (2007). He is **GEORGE ULKA** who has a child was living with his grand parents when his parents passed away. He was taken into Irugl Care Centre and now has the chance to excel in his education. He's being selected to attend Gr 11 at Kondiu Secondary. George has

shown promise to succeed in life and that success can become a reality if Simbus can help push him through to complete his education. SCF as an organisation however can't assist as our constitution focuses on helping sick children from 0 to 15 years of age. However we can help him as individuals.

**Martin Tine and his family**





**Lets Make George Ulka Our Child**

If we all chip in a little towards this young man’s school fee we can make his dreams come true. Though there are hundreds of other kids that would need school fees George is a very special case (an orphan from a established care centre), not only that, he has demonstrated that he has the potential to excel in education by being the Dux of Mt Wilhelm High School last year. We have a young man here that only needed a push at the back and Team Lihir have contributed K300 towards George’s school fee. We will provide George with guidance, school materials, visit him in school and basically to stay close to him and give him confidence to take on the world. We will monitor his progress and provide counselling and advice where we can and groom him. We want to make George our first project child and any SCF Volunteers who wishes to support young George can contact Jimmy Drekore. As George excels you will be proud that he will be your initiative.

**Some children of the Irugl Care Centre**



**Some Botanical Lessons**



**Plant of the month - Kokun**

*Scientific Name:* Ficus Dammaropsis  
*Name in Kuman:* Kokun  
*Common Name:* Dinner Plate (English)  
Highlands Kapiak (Pidgin)  
*Family:* Moraceae  
*Genus:* Ficus  
*Specise:* Dammaropsis  
*Significance:* Kokun is an unusual fig & not only that, it is also the largest of the 800 different figs discovered. Pollination is done by a tiny wasp called Ceratosolan abnormis.

**Susan’s Back yard - KUNDIAWA**





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## *POET'S CORNER*

**SIMBU'S GREAT KNIGHTS** describes our great leaders who believed in helping their people. What they have established will benefit people and the generations to come. They set the foundation and example of true leadership, putting people before themselves - *Bush Poet*

### **SIMBU'S GREAT KNIGHTS**

*Bush Poet*

He started as a clergy man  
When there was no locals then  
He was one of the first authors  
When there was not many tutors  
His no non sense approach  
Aligned public officers  
He started the Ombudsman  
He was Sir Ignatius Kilage

When he stood the floor shook  
When he talked they rewrote the book  
On the ground he led the road  
In the air he brought the load  
Where they never thought possible  
He made it possible  
He was Sir Iambaky Okuk

He started the Buli Beef  
He was the chief  
He gave us independence  
Despite the long distance  
He brought his love  
Like a dove  
To house the sick  
And the weak  
He was Sir Joseph Nombri

He couldn't speak English  
But he was no foolish  
He was the minister for education  
He built schools for future generation  
He brought the polish tree  
So you can have a decent timber  
He doesn't fancy a wealthy life  
He lives a simple life  
He is Sir Kobale Kale

*"We give without hesitation, we hug when you expect a hand, our tears express our hearts - they call us Simbus"*

**Registered Members To Date****TOTAL MEMBERS 98****Team POM**

1. Philip Mitna
2. Paul Siwi
3. Richard Sinamoi
4. Grace Dom
5. Thea Merimba
6. Robert Nilkare
7. Dr. Joseph Onglo
8. Dr. Aina
9. Samson Waii
10. Esther Nombri
11. Caroline Waim
12. Joe Kuatowa
13. Josephine Kilage
14. Priscilla Sariman
15. Samson Wena
16. Goiye Gileng
17. Agnes Apa
18. John Kamasua
19. Stanley Alphonse
20. Bonny Korugl
21. Lena Korugl
22. Lydia Duhunge
23. Sophia Okuk Pati
24. Maria Wau
25. Myrtle Agen
26. Grace Wemin
27. Henry Kilage
28. Sean Kilage
29. Tania Kilage
30. Ignatius Kilage Jr
31. Wako Koglkia

**Team LIHIR**

1. Jeff Nilki
2. Jimmy Drekore
3. Thomas Rango
4. Moses Yaa
5. Joe Baundo
6. Peter Epegam
7. William Umba
8. Peter Yoba
9. William Mond
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12. Joe Kotro
13. Willie Mungul
14. Maima Sine
15. Patric Levo
16. Joanna Mercado
17. Geua Kivung

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1. Maria Wasinaw
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1. Symakus Suglo
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7. Dr Joshua Kaman
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4. Watna Mori - Western Australia
5. Rungend Mori - Western Australia
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Number: **1001240413**                      **BSP POM Branch**  
BSB Number: **8294**  
Swift Code: **BOSP PG PM**

Requirement for becoming Financial Members:  
Employed: K50 Unemployed & Students: K10    Affiliates: K100

Please attach receipt with membership form and send to SCF P O Box 3648 BOROKO NCD PNG or send an electronic copy to the Executive Secretary, Stanley Alphonse [salphonse@iccc.gov.pg](mailto:salphonse@iccc.gov.pg)

Membership forms can be obtained from anyone of the SCF Executives or Team Coordinators.

**Those Abroad: You can send your registration fee through Western Union or do either bank to bank transfer or internet banking.**



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