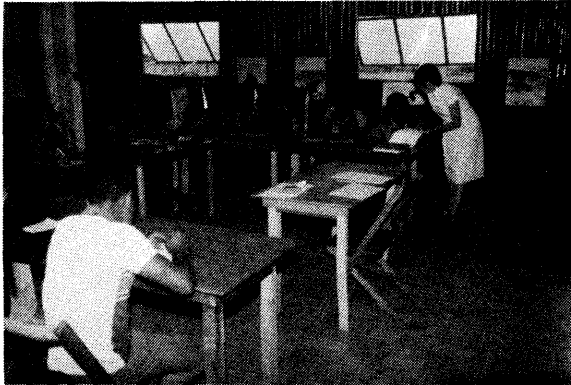
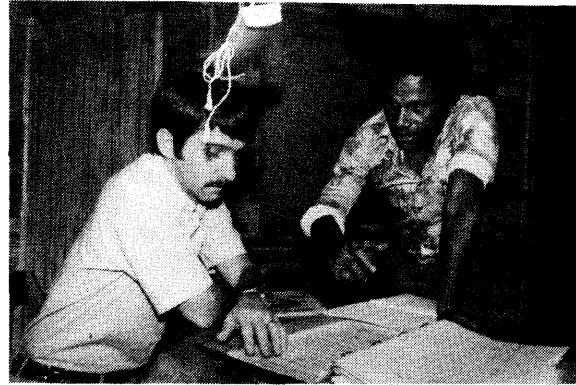


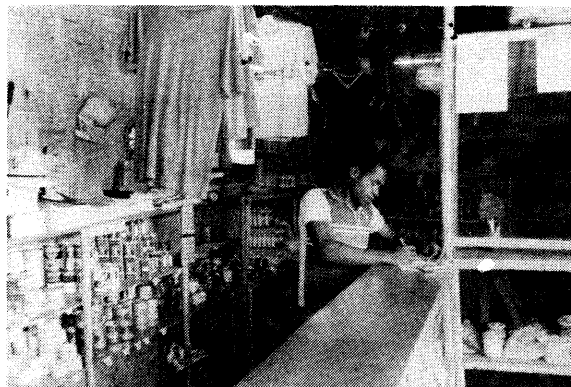
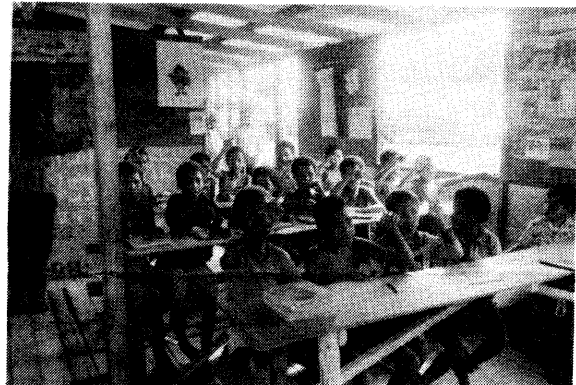
Dear Friends,

Here is Bob setting up a simple bookkeeping system for the Barai Non-Formal Education Association. Simon is the manager of BNEA. BNEA is divided into several divisions: Translation, Literacy, Christian Education, Women's Education, Youth Education, Publications, and Community Development. The goal of BNEA is to be self-supporting. They operate the local store and also are engaged in growing and selling coffee.



Here is Verna teaching a business math course. The Barai people have a strong desire for self-improvement. Frequently they invite people to their community to give short courses on various topics, such as: Nutrition, Health, Lawn mower maintenance, Bread-making, Library skills, Carpentry, and Song-writing. They also frequently invite someone to teach short Bible courses.

Here is Jeremy taking part in the Community school. Jason is in the class next door. Children begin school at eight years of age and may finish Grade 6 in the village. All instruction is in English, but unless the child has an opportunity to use it he will lose it. Did you know that the way to tell if a child is old enough for school is to have him put his left hand over his head and touch his right ear!



This is the local supermarket. A machete costs K3.00. The K stands for Kina and right now is worth about \$1.50Cdn. and \$1.15US. One Kina is equal to 100 toea. A can of tinned fish might cost .53t. BNEA operates this trade store to pay the nationals who are translating the Bible for them. But since there is not much money in the area the sales are not too great!



This a typical house and lot in the suburbs of Itokama village. Notice the elegant stairway leading up to the main door. When it rains, which it does very often at certain times of the year, the ground becomes slick like a skating rink. Under the house is shelter for the family pig and also the children when it rains. A favorite past-time is sitting and picking lice from each other's hair as you can see the father in the background doing.

Thanks for continuing to remember us with letters and prayers.

In His Service,

Bob & Verna

Bob, Verna, Jason and
Jeremy Stutzman.