

STORIES OF





MEDI WAS ONLY ELEVEN WHEN HE WAS LURED INTO A DRUG CARTEL ON THE STREETS OF PAPUA.

GROWING UP AS A GIRL IN A MALE-DOMINATED CULTURE, ELSHA FELT SUPPRESSED, UNMOTIVATED & WEAK.



THE PARENTS OF THREE LOCAL TRIBES WERE AT WAR. THE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN STUDENTS WERE AFFECTED AND EVENTUALLY BROKE DOWN.



CAN SCHOOL REALLY CHANGE THEIR LIVES?



After a year of living on the street, Medi met Rasi who introduced him to Mustard Seed Soccer School.

Just like Medi, Rasi grew up on the streets as a teenager, until he met Mr. Sendy from Mustard Seed who gave Rasi shelter and opportunities.



Elsha met Kashi, the first native Papuan female who was appointed as the school principal. Elsha saw that a woman could do many great things.



Just like Elsha, Kashi grew up unconfident and undervalued, but that changed when she met Paul Richardson from Mustard Seed who trusted and supported her.

SCHOOL
was the only
place
they met
SOMEONE
who CARED
for them.





Three native tribes were at war.

At our badminton club , the children of the various tribes stopped talking to one another. I purposely put them in a group together and facilitated small group meetings.

It took a week for them to start realizing that they could not play well without communicating.

Finally , they realized that they needed each other. They started talking and expressing their feelings to each other.

They came to realize although they had different skin color, God loves them all equally.

They were able to forgive each other through prayers, which enabled them to resume playing badminton with peace and joy.

(Leland TfN teacher)



SCHOOL
was the
safe
place
where they
learned
about their

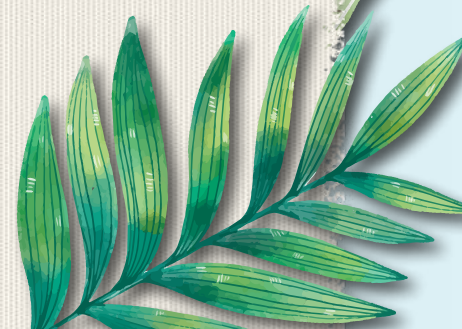
IDENTITY in
GOD.

"AFTER BECOMING ACTIVE
IN THE SOCCER CLUB, I
EXPERIENCED FREEDOM
FROM MY DRUG ADDICTION
AND BECAME THE CAPTAIN
OF THE TEAM."

MEDI

"I CAN SEE THE
DIFFERENCE IN THE PAST
SIX MONTHS. THE GUITAR
CLUB MEMBERS ARE
MORE CONFIDENT AND
COURAGEOUS."

PAUL



SCHOOL
was the place
where they
could SHAPE
their
CHARACTER.

SCHOOL
was the place
where they
found their
CALLING &
where they could
become
a BLESSING
to others.

"THIS SCHOOL IS A SAFE PLACE FOR ME.
WE WERE TAUGHT THAT GOD VALUES WOMEN
THE SAME AS MEN. I WANT TO BE A SUCCESSFUL
ENTREPRENEUR SO I CAN HELP TEACHERS IN
PAPUA OPEN MANY SCHOOLS."

ELSHA





THANK YOU!
For helping us
transform
children's lives.