

## EDITORIAL

All pieces of writing have been provided by the Christian Leaders' Training College. The first two articles are by Melanesian graduates of the College. An Australian faculty member wrote the third. All articles deal directly, or indirectly, with the churches of Papua New Guinea.

Ledimo Edonie looks at the adaptation of Christianity to the culture of Milne Bay Province of Papua New Guinea. For instance, many professing Christians still employ magic in their daily work: gardening, hunting, and fishing. Ledimo concludes that only after serious Bible study and discussion should the Milne Bay people decide which customs to accept and modify, or reject and replace.

Philip Bungo writes on the establishment and growth of the Evangelical Christian Fellowship church (ECFC). He begins with a riveting personal testimony of how he became a Christian while in jail. After his release, he began a home Bible study. This eventually led to the creation of the ECFC denomination. He then discusses the reasons for the growth of ECFC, and some challenges for the future.

Based on criticism that the evangelical church worldwide has largely ignored issues of justice, as they relate to the mission of the church, David Hodgins explores what justice means, particularly in its application to mission theology. He demonstrates that an application of the biblical context of justice into our ministry context is an essential element of any ministry.

Not everyone will agree with the conclusions reached by the authors. However, we hope that, as you wrestle through these issues, that the thoughts of the authors will help you to grow in your understanding of God's word, and what it may say to your culture.

Doug Hanson.