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Remaining Steadfast

This past October I shared a post titled, "A Heavy Day", it was a sad story about a young teacher (Melani Wamea) who was killed in one of the interior villages in the highlands of Papua that MAF serves. I want to pass along a video that was created both in memory of Melani and also to share about the amazing ministry this school is to the young kids of this village.

At the end of the video there is a quote from Melani:

"God, we remain faithful to serve you, even though the devil comes in many ways to drive us out of this place, we remain faithful. We no longer shed tears of sorrow today, but tears of joy as we keep our faith in You."

I couldn't help but think how this fit so well with a few verses I had recently been thinking on in James:

"Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing." (James 1:2-4)

I am both broken hearted and encouraged by Melani's story, and how she - with joy - followed the calling of our good God to love and disciple these young kids in this small village. From our perspective on this earth, she gave up everything. But measure that against what she gains in and through Christ. Measure that against the good work God is accomplishing through faithful servants at this little school. These are things the enemy cannot steal or destroy.