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A NEWSLETTER FROM PAT AND MELEND A EDMISTON

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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

“We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the LORD, about his power and his mighty wonders.”

Psalm 78:4 (NLT)



Papua New Guinean children on the island of New Ireland

When Melenda wrote our last prayer and praise update, Pat was checking scripture for some language groups in Papua New Guinea. These languages were all located on the island of New Ireland.



The people of New Ireland are at a crossroads. For generations there was no Christian witness on the remote island off the coast of Papua New Guinea and 800 miles northwest of Australia's northern tip. In the last hundred years, all that has changed and today, the local church has an opportunity to help many see a clearer picture of who Jesus and God really are.

The completion of the Patpatar New Testament has sparked an

interest among a growing number of relatively well-educated followers of Christ to translate scriptures for thousands of people across 15 language groups and to provide the first glimpse many have seen of God's love in their own written language.

Pat was able to check several books of the New Testament for three of the languages: the Barok (Galatians), Notsi (Luke), and Notsi-Madak (1 Timothy).



After returning from PNG, Pat went on to Nigeria and checked more scripture for two languages there: the Mbula (Colossians & Luke) and the Tula (Revelation). Both groups hope to finish their New Testaments soon.



WHERE NEXT

During the coming year, Pat plans to make three trips to PNG. The first of these trips will be in March. He will spend four weeks in Wewak checking portions of the Old Testament for the Alamblak. This is the group where we completed the New Testament in 2004.

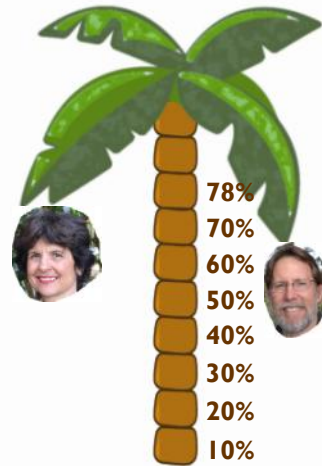


In August, both of us will be going to New Ireland. Pat will check more New Testament books for several of the languages there. Melenda will assist with some practical course needs and literacy.

Then in November, Pat will go to Alatau, on the southern coast of PNG, to check various portions

of the Old Testament for the Iamalele language group.

In between travels we will continue to staff the Equip courses in Orlando for new Wycliffe members. Melenda will also continue to facilitate the online learning component of each course.



SUPPORT LEVEL

Pass the Word

We are available to share with your mission committee, pastor, church or small group - or introduce us to an interested friend over a meal.

PRAISE & PRAYER

Praise Pat's dad recovered very well from his open-heart surgery.

Praise Malaria was kept at bay for the translators. However, one of the consultants did have a short bout with it.

Praise for Online and Onsite Equip 13. We were able to meet and serve 29 of Wycliffe's new missionaries.

Pray Between now and March Pat will be going over the Alamblak Old Testament verses in preparation for the checking session. He asks for wisdom and guidance from the Holy Spirit.

Pray We will be separated for over 4 weeks. Melenda asks for peace, calm and restful nights.

Pray We are still lacking in financial support, with some churches and individuals unable to continue partnering with us.



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