

April 2016

Welcome to April, the first quarter of 2016 is already finished. We apologize for a delayed monthly newsletter because Tyler has been out of the country in Thailand. It has been a long month that started with a funeral and ended with international travel for Tyler.

As we wrote last month and requested pray for the Piki family, Steven's wife Dulcy died after a battle with mouth cancer. We attended her service and burial in the village. Steven was very appreciative and thankful that we came to show respect and most of all our love. A community of nearly 200 showed up to pay respects and attend her burial. A community meal was prepared, community leaders spoke, and finally she was buried. It is customary that the family be in mourning for a given time which was marked by washing. The two week period of mourning ended with the final washing marking the period is over. It was an honor for us to represent PBT as well as show our relational love for the Piki family. Please continue to pray for Steven and his family.

During March, Emily continued to work with Thomas and Sam, two Mborena Kam men working on recordings. They both were excited to come very close to finishing their first round of the recording, only a few more chapters to go. Both men will still have to continue doing corrections on their recordings, but none the less they are close to reaching a milestone in the process. Most of the time they work in teams of three, but the third person on this team was Steven & Dulcy's son, Fidelis. He was not able to come until the end of March and only for a few days to record chapters in the book of Acts.

Pacific Rim

East Africa

North Africa

West Africa

South Asia

South East Asia

North Eurasia

The month ended with Tyler traveling to Thailand to attend a media and distribution consultation. The two part conference was kicked off with four days of intense training followed by the consultation. Tyler attended the Mobile Apps in Ministry which was a follow up training he attended last year in Australia. He learned more about Android app development and Scripture App Builder. The main conference is held annually and is experiencing a 20% growth rate. This year over 470 people from 55 countries were represented. It really dawned on Tyler during the meal breaks when he noticed his table mates were from South Africa, India, and Australia. Every day was a cross cultural meal and meeting God's servants from all over the world. One of the main takeaways for Tyler was the networking and connections me made with fellow cross cultural workers. He also learned new technologies and concepts that are impacting lives across the globe. He was challenged by the plenary speaker who spoke on finishing the task and making disciples. Are we making disciples, what does it look like, and how are we measuring disciple making?

We have attached a special letter with this update, requesting your help through prayer and financial gifts for expanding our team's current housing. Please take some time to pray and listen for God's voice as you consider helping our team's current housing project.

Praise God for keeping Emily safe while Tyler was away. Praise God for allowing Tyler to experience a great conference in Thailand. Pray for our safety and security both at night and during the day and while we travel to and from work. Pray for our physical, mental and spiritual health. Continue praying for us to seek out ways to minister to the community we live in here in Madang.

Together in Christ,

Tyler and Emily Hewitt

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