Pioneer Bible Translators

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Greetings from Beautiful Madang!

There is much be to grateful for here in PNG over the past month. Though we have been busy hosting (Bob and Andy who are working on the remodel project) and the many visitors that came to attend the Tay New Testament dedication. The other good news is the Mborena Kam have completed the final read through of their New Testament.

You might wonder what are the results of a life time missionary who has served over 30 years are. On July 17, the Tay people in the rural mountains of the Madang Providence were dancing, singing, and praising God for the arrival of their very own New Testament written in their language. Some 30 years ago God hand picked Steve and Rhonda Hayward for this translation project and God also knew on July 17, 2014 that it would come to completion. Praise God! "[...] You know that everything you do for him is worthwhile." 1 Cor. 15:58

Just a one day earlier the Mborena Kam finished reading the whole NT for the last time before beginning the typesetting process. They were looking for any type of errors especially syntax, verb endings, and natural flow. It took the team four weeks to tackle the task and they enjoyed lots of really good banana bread from Emily. However the task is not yet finished and the planned dedication is set for July 2015. Pray fervently for the Mborena Kam people the spiritual battle is happening. During the four weeks of the read through, the team faced many challenges of discouragement. The hardest one from a western standpoint, was receiving the news of deaths in their families and realizing they couldn't take the time to mourn the deaths if they wanted to complete the task of the read through.

Also amidst all of this Bob and Andy, who are both skilled contractors, have been remodeling a house. With our team growing and continued growth to come we are in need of housing. They have come to remodel a large three bedroom house into two, two bedroom apartments. The work is near completion as they are in their final week of work before returning home. There have been challenges but very few hiccups along the way. One couple will be occupying one apartment within the month. It has been a great pleasure to have skilled carpenters to come and bless us with their abilities. We praise God that he has called Andy to return next year as a full time missionary, barring all things go smoothly in his training and support raising journey. What a HUGE answer to prayer! Andy hopes to return to PNG next May.

We praise God for his blessings and faithfulness. We thank you for joining with us in prayer as we have needed extra grace and energy this past month. Praise God that there is one less Bible-less language group. Praise God that there is another language group that much closer to having their name removed from that same group as well. Praise God for hearing our prayers and answering our cry to end spiritual poverty.

Together in Christ,

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