

December 2014

Christmas Greetings from Beautiful Madang!

As we enter the final month of the year our hearts are full of thanksgiving and blessing. This past year we have had numerous blessings ranging from vacation to Gandep to remodel, though there was sorrow in the passing of Emily's grandfather. As Apostle Paul reminds us, we are to be thankful in all circumstances and joyful cause Christ is our King.

This past month was highlighted by the arrival of David and Carol Kramka who are partnering with us from Wycliffe Associates. David will be taking over the role that Tyler held for the past 21 months in maintenance. The past couple weeks have been focused on office orientation which Emily was responsible for and getting David oriented in his new role. Tyler looks forward to returning to his regular job in IT as well as exploring audio recording and learning Paratext software.

We enjoyed a four day Thanksgiving break this week. Even though we, Americans, live outside the USA we still fit into our schedule this American holiday. This year we decided on a three course progressive dinner. First stop was finger foods, then the main course and last dessert and games. We tried to have all the fixings, though we chose to bypass the turkey and settle for chicken. It was a pleasant day to celebrate Thanksgiving with other branch colleagues.

Pacific Rim

East Africa

North Africa

West Africa

South Asia

South East Asia

North Eurasia

The Mborena Kam translation team continues to press on in the task of readying the New Testament text for typesetting. It has been a very long year for the team and they are feeling it, but they are still determined to press on. Pray for them and our colleague Martha, as they work diligently the next few weeks.

December will be focused on wrapping up office projects for 2014 and spending a significant amount of time planning for 2015. Pray that God grants us wisdom as we evaluate our schedule for 2015, being sensitive to desires God has for our schedule. Many times it is easy to fill our schedules for the sake of filling our schedules. Only God knows the opportunities that are before us in the next year. We want to honor him with the gifts he has given both of us and use our time wisely.

We look forward to Christmas in the coming weeks and the New Year as well. It is hard to fathom that the year is closing fast and yet again another year is approaching. We look forward to the many more blessings and ministry opportunities that God will present us next year. Continue to pray with us that the remaining Bible-less languages in the Madang Province will one day have scripture in their own language.

Please continue to join with us in prayer for our spiritual, physical and mental health. Pray for God's wisdom and discernment for the two of us, as we consider ministry opportunities for 2015. Pray for safety as town life can be uneasy around Christmas and New Year. Praise God for the arrival of our new teammates.

Together in Christ,

Tyler and Emily Hewitt

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