Pioneer
Bible Translators

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Greetings from Beautiful Madang!

We are both glad and celebrating the fact that January is past us. Last month was a very difficult and trying month for us. We both would agree it might have been our toughest month since being back in PNG. It seemed that all the little things finally came to a head and the floor finally gave away. However there were a few bright spots along the way as well. Bottom line we are ready for our March vacation.

After being in holiday mode it is always hard to get the gears moving again. We could not delay as we were preparing to host yet again two more guests. This time the branch invited two Wycliffe Associates (WA) to come to Madang and evaluate our needs in maintenance. It was also the task to get more acquainted with the work WA does and what they could offer to PBT in the future.

The big event of the month was our Annual General Meeting (AGM). It was a week of highs and lows as the branch rallied around the table for our annual meeting. We all got to share our team reports, department reports, and various other agenda items. The big item this year was to move forward with a cluster type project of three language groups to translate scripture portions of Mark. Through this project we are striving to enable and empower nationals to be the main stakeholders of this project. Please pray for the Lower Ramu initial goals project.

Pacific Rim
East Africa
North Africa
West Africa
South Asia
South East Asia
North Eurasia

February starts off with road trip to Lae (6 hrs) to retrieve the shipment of 1,000 Tay New Testaments. What an honor to be a part of this milestone. The shipment left India where the New Testaments were printed in December. They arrived at dock in Lae, Papua New Guinea on January 27. Emily worked to finalize payments of the shipment and arranged for the trip to Lae with Tyler and another teammate. A dedication will take place in July for these New Testaments. Pray for the Tay people as they prepare to host this dedication and celebration of having God's Word in their heart language. Praise God for Steve and Rhonda Hayward and their ministry amongst the Tay people for the past 30 plus years.

Emily will be working with Steven and Denny from the Mborena Kam language group in February to prepare their yearly memory verse booklets. The Mborena Kam translation team will be in town to parallel check the gospels. In March the team will return to the village to read through the New Testament in their communities to check the accuracy of the translation before coming back to town and doing a final read through as a team in June. Continue to pray for both Steven and Denny.

Pray for both of us to have the energy, patience and grace for each day in February, as we fight weariness and anticipate some time away in March. Pray for wisdom for both of us as we work towards finalizing details for a remodeling project on one of our team's properties. Pray for us to have joy in the work God has given us here.

Together in Christ,

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