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Greetings from Beautiful Madang!

Once again we are reminded that in fact we live in a different country and it is known by the tagline 'Land of the Unexpected.' Emily made reservations for Tyler's birthday dinner on Friday for his birthday on Tuesday. The restaurant requires 24 hour notice for the special event. Emily called to confirm the reservation on Tuesday evening only to find out that the initial reservation was not made. The restaurant informed Emily that a 24 hour notice is required so the birthday plans were rescheduled for the next night. Again we are reminded; even the best plans sometimes fail.

Our trip to Ukarumpa this past month went smoothly. Tyler enjoyed his conference in Goroka (2 hours further up the road from Ukarumpa) where he was able to network with others involved in IT. He learned of some new technologies becoming available in PNG. One of the highlights was the Wifi Bible. This is a product in testing by CRMF and a great way for distributing scripture via wifi. The demonstration included Bible apps, audio files, movies, and more.

Emily was able to connect with the SIL scripture use office briefly to talk about resources they have available. We both enjoyed having a few days break from the heat and took advantage of stocking up on familiar produce that they had for sale in the market there. Though the trip was short it was purposeful and relatively uneventful.

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

Praise God for the recording that took place in Madang in February. In our last newsletter we mentioned the opportunity for Tyler to help coordinate some recordings of the Mborena Kam New Testament. They were able to record 1 Cor 10-12 and Mark. The purposes are to village test the recordings and gather feedback of the language. Is it natural? Is it understood? Three Mborena Kam readers were able to come to Madang and record the text. Once finished, Tyler was able to do minor editing and prepare the recordings for checking next week in the village. The teams first real test of Hear This recording software was a success.

As we begin March, Tyler finds himself packing to travel out to the village. For Tyler, the first week of this month will be spent near the Ramu River, amongst the Mborena Kam language group. Tyler and our teammate, Kevin, will spend seven days traveling amongst several villages playing the recordings and soliciting feedback. This trip will also give Tyler an opportunity to observe different ways to possibly distribute the New Testament in written and audio format in the future.

We are excited to host Emily's parents for two weeks this month. It will be fun to let them see our home and daily routines here, as well as share with them the snapshots of paradise we experience. They come not only to visit us but help our team in small projects. We are sure they will enjoy some island hopping as well.

Pray for Tyler and Kevin as they travel and meet with communities. Pray for safety and protection for Tyler on his journey and Emily while she stays in Madang. Pray for Emily's parents as they travel to and from PNG later this month. Pray for our physical, mental and spiritual health.

Together in Christ,

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