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Hope you all had a blessed Easter, celebrating the resurrection of our Lord. As spring blooms in many of your towns we are reminded of new life. We are grateful for the new life God offered us through accepting Christ



as an offering for our sins and placing Him as Lord of our lives. We are grateful for the many people involved in our lives through prayer, finances and encouragement. Through this partnership in Bible translation God is able to reveal Himself to many Papua New Guineans as they read the Bible in their own heart language.

We have the privilege of assisting Jeff and Sissie D'Jernes in preparing for the Bible dedication of the Arop-Lokep people. They began their work in 1987 and now have the honor of presenting the people with a leather bound New Testament in the Arop-Lokep language. The presentation will be Saturday, June 8 in which Jay, Elijah and I will be attending. The event takes place on Long Island, east of PNG mainland, close to Madang. It is a 20 minute flight. Jay has been helping Jeff schedule the flights for around 80 people who will be attending; a quarter of them are international visitors. The villagers are busy preparing food, places to sleep for attendees and planning the dedication service. Others here in Ukarumpa are also preparing food to be taken out to the island for the weekend.

In our July newsletter we will describe what took place during this event. Please pray everything comes together smoothly. Most of all pray God's Word becomes "living and active" in Arop-Lokep people as they are able to read and listen to the Bible in their heart language.

May is a busy month. Besides helping with the plans of the dedication, Jay is coaching the softball team. There are about 20 boys who are playing. Almost half are junior high and have not played before. A couple other men have stepped up to help Jay, which is an answer to prayer. The boys play in two tournaments on May 10<sup>th</sup> and May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Another major event is Banquet on May 30<sup>th</sup>. It is similar to proms. However, we do not have restaurants or places to go to host the event. So the parents here remodel (decorate) the Teen Center the week before, and fix a nice meal and put on a program for the juniors and seniors. We even make formal invitations with a formal presentation. Jay and I are each on committees to make this event a success.

One more special item is that we have a couple of friends coming to visit May 21<sup>st</sup> for about two weeks. Judy and her son Michael are coming to see how we live and serve here as well as volunteer their time. We are excited for their visit.

We would be grateful for your prayers in each of these activities that we would be walking hand in hand with God's plan for each event.

*In Him,*

*Jay, Jodi and Elijah*

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