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In the previous newsletters we have focused on each of our jobs: Jay in telephone: Jodi in the clinic. Just as many of you have roles outside your job we have the opportunity to fulfill other roles on the Center as we all partner together to promote Bible translation.

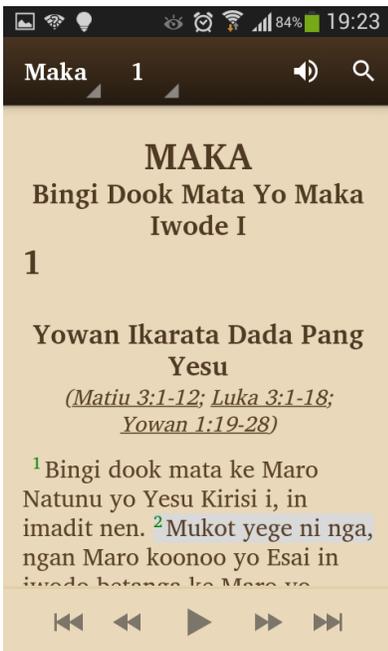
Jay and I belong to a small group which meets every other Tuesday evening. We spend time together sharing what is happening in our lives and then pray for each other. Everyone in our group is from the USA; most have grown children, some with grandchildren. Our group includes translators, teachers, literacy workers, computer specialist and medical staff. Our size fluctuates as people come and go on furlough or make trips to their village where they are working in translation.

Whenever new missionaries come to Ukarumpa they are assigned a host family. The host family is responsible to make sure their home is ready to live in, food is available, answer questions, and take them around Ukarumpa. The host family is also responsible for a three day meal list where people sign up to have new missionaries over for lunch and dinner. This time gives the new people a chance to set up their homes which includes: buying food, filtering water, bleaching vegetables and so on. Jay and I have had the chance to be a host family twice since returning.

Another way to bless people is to have people over for meals. There are people here whose spouses are serving in another location for a short time. There are those who are getting ready to travel or have returned from a trip. Some of those travelers are translators going back and forth from their remote villages. Since there are no restaurants here having people over is the only way to eat out.



When the new school year started I decided to teach English Sunday school for the missionary children. On Sundays the kids gather as a group for 45 minutes and we then divide into separate classes for 45 minutes. I am teaching around 14 first grade children. I have a 14 year old who helps me maintain control.



As an extra assignment Jay has been working on a project for the Arop-Lokep people group of Long Island. (The Bible dedication for this language is the one we were able to attend a few years ago).

This project is making a Bible app that will put the Arop-Lokep Bible with audio on a cell phone. Smart phone are available for many Papa New Guineas, especially teens and young adults. More information on the app can be seen here:

<https://vimeo.com/139704273>

We hope this give a good glimpse into the different ways we are partnering with other missionaries as you partner with us.

Thank you for serving God through Bible translation for the people of Papua New Guinea.

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