

Season Greetings 2016

This letter will arrive late for the holidays but that does not mean that we have not been thinking of our beloved family and friends as we walk through this holiday season. We are grateful for the many partners who are on this journey with us as we serve God in Papua New Guinea through Bible translation.



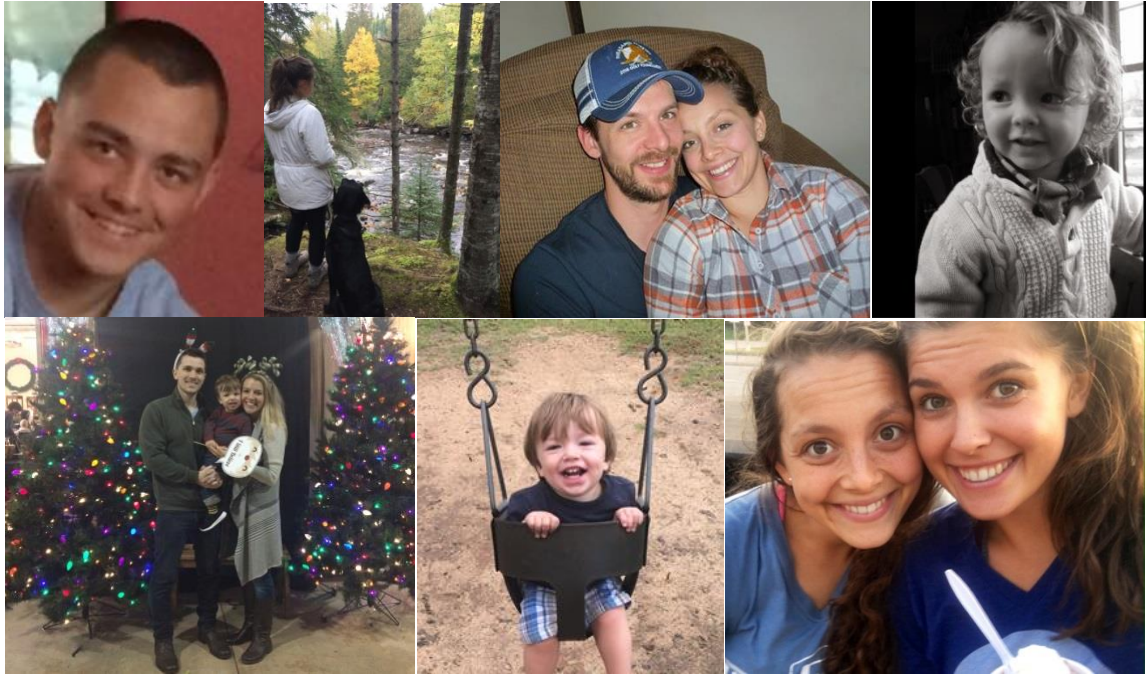
Every year Wycliffe reevaluates these numbers. There are 7097 known languages worldwide. They estimate there are 253 million people with no Bible in their language which probably means they have no written language. Having friends in different parts of the world and specifically in PNG we hear of the multitude of work it takes to complete even just a book of the Bible. This year in PNG we have celebrated several portions of Scripture being translated. We have friends working in literacy helping Papua New Guineans to read. Others are working to get the Scriptures in devices for people to hear the Word of God. Still others are working one on one with Papua New Guineans disciplining them. Many Papua New Guineans on the Center are working alongside us in these endeavors.

Thank you for being a part of the work in Bible translation with us.

2016 has involved many activities from being in the States January & February, traveling to PNG in March and spending time in an Australian Hospital. Transitioning back to PNG life and work took time. Jay was greeted with many work projects. I was greeted with limited staff at the clinic. Life is routine now. The clinic is well staffed. Jay is still busy with projects. I am teaching Sunday school. We are in a prayer/share group. We are able to keep in touch with the kids.

2016 has brought changes for our children too. John and Courtney bought a house in Warren Robins this fall. Judah turned two in November. They continue to serve their community through their business. <http://renovationchiropractic.com>. Kristolyn and Cullen sold their home and moved into a RV. If you want to read about their story check out <https://weelittlehouse.wordpress.com/>. Kristol has been working as a nanny and more recently substitute teaching at local schools. Cullen continues to work for US Bank. Danielle moved into an apartment with her college roommate. She changed jobs and is working in a surgical neuro intensive care unit. She is enjoying her dog Tucker. Both girls are in the Minneapolis area. Elijah graduated marine Boot camp in March. He was stationed at Fort Sill Oklahoma for a few months for training. Presently he is at 29 Palms in California indefinitely. He was able to spend the Christmas holiday with John.

We are looking forward for what God will do in the New Year. We are grateful for His presence near and far.



(Top: Elijah, Danielle and Tucker, Cullen and Kristolyn, Silas)
(Bottom: John and Courtney, Judah, Kristol and Danielle)



(Our PNG valley) May our Lord bless you with His Goodness this New Year!
Jay and Jodi