

Greetings from North Wahgi,

Have you ever found yourself thinking...”I wish I could go somewhere warm for the winter.”? Well, how about spending Christmas in the tropics? It’s perpetual summertime here. In fact we sometimes can forget what season it is supposed to be. Just yesterday we were able to call home and Michael asked his Papa Bob how the boat is doing. I don’t know many who would go boating in late-October in Michigan...but we sure would here.

This last month was a very busy one for us though most of it was spent out of the village. In late-September we had our annual regional conference where all of the New Tribes Missionaries gather from their respective works and come to share what the Lord is doing in their works (both triumphs and challenges). It is also a time of studying God’s Word together and there is generally a children’s and youth program as well. After the conference we had a two-weeks of translation workshop where we were taught in detail the principles of good Scripture translation as well as the mission’s required procedures. It is with the utmost respect for God’s Word that we embark on this endeavor to translate it into the Yu Wei language.

Also over the last two months Daniel turned 5 and Michael turned 7. Matthew will turn 2 next month



I know that many of you are getting ready to head off to church for the morning, so I will keep this update brief with hopes of sending another one soon. We would like to leave you with some updated prayer/praise points.

Praise:

- On September 19 one of our fellow NTM PNG missionaries was lost at sea as the boat he was riding in was swamped by waves causing it to sink. After drifting in the ocean overnight he and

the other passengers were all found unharmed 15 hours later. For a more detailed story click the following link: <http://usa.ntm.org/mission-news/45659/missionary-chad-earl-found>.

- We praise God for safe travels over the last couple months as we've been doing a lot of coming and going.
- There is still a good number of people attending the Bible teaching. Those who are hearing this teaching for a second time are catching onto new truths and application in the lessons that they had missed before. It is great to see the Lord working in their lives.
- I was able to take two helpers to the translation workshop and they seem to understand more about the task that lies ahead in translating God's Word in their language and they seem to be excited about being a part of that.

Prayer Requests:

- Tomorrow afternoon (Monday, October 22) we will be starting a new literacy course. There are about 15 people signed up to take the course which will be taught 5 times a week for up to 5-6 months. This is a very big commitment for the ones signed up. Pray that they will be faithful and will see it to completion. There are quite a few signed up who have had little or no formal education but are excited about being able to learn to read and write.
- Pray for our translation helpers to stay excited about helping us translate the Scriptures. This is a very time consuming job and it takes a long time to see results. Our team has a number of Scripture portions translated into the Yu Wei language which need to have some more comprehension testing done as well as back-to-English translation and content checking so that we can get them consultant checked and approved for printing. Pray that we can work out a way to streamline this process so that we can get some Scripture portions printed in the Yu Wei language soon.
- Continue to pray for our co-workers, the Wilsons, as they're on home assignment and are also attending to some medical needs. They're having a hard time finding answers and are waiting to see specialists. Pray that God would intervene so that they can be seen in a timely manner.
- Continue to pray for Robyn as she tries to balance home schooling along with all of the other demands she has on her time.

Thank you for your continued prayer support and encouragement.

At His Service and For His Glory,

Levi, Robyn, Michael, Daniel, and Matthew Lenz

Serving with New Tribes Mission in North Wahgi, PNG