



## Amazing access anywhere

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“Joe”\*, a member of the Arapesh language group, wanted a copy of the New Testament in his language (tokples) but when he tried to find a printed copy, he couldn’t find one.

The Arapesh New Testament had been completed for many years. The work had started with four mother tongue translators who were chosen by the churches, and the people. Only one mother tongue translator persevered to the end, working with Bob and JoAnn Conrad who were designated by SIL-PNG as advisors. On April 24th, 2004, the Arapesh New testament was dedicated.

But now, almost nine years later, “Joe” was not able to find the printed text. So at the 2nd National Tokples Scripture conference, he asked one of the SIL translator consultants, Mack Graham, where he could get a copy. The two of them pursued several different ways of



finding it but when they went to the PNGScriptures.org web-site, they found the entire New Testament, ready to download. “Joe” did not have a mobile phone to use, but they were able to download it onto a memory stick. The text was complete and when viewed offline with an internet browser the user could still interact with the text and go from book to book or chapter to chapter as normal. This made the electronic form highly usable (on a computer, smart-phone, or tablet).



PNGScriptures.org provides readable access to 221 translations of the Holy Bible or portions thereof in Papua New Guinean languages and dialects, and 3 in audio format. This site is sponsored by the PNG Bible Translation Association (BTA), which is a national organisation in Papua New Guinea committed to translating the Bible into the languages of the country. A Tok Pisin version is also available.

“Joe” now has the scriptures in his own “tokples”. How about you? Is your “tokples” available online?

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“Yumi Stori” is the PNG “Tok Pisin” term for “Let’s talk” or “Let’s have a conversation” \* Joe is not the real name for the Arapesh language member