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## Adventurous Teachers Wanted

by Lori Johnson

On any given day in the teachers' lounge at Ukarumpa International School you can hear Japanese, German, Dutch, Spanish, Korean, French, Finnish, Australian English, British English, and of course, American English. People from all over the world come to translate the Bible into hundreds of languages in Papua New Guinea, and they bring their children with them. Because of the remoteness of the places where Bible translators work, they need support workers (pilots, auto mechanics, carpenters, printers, artists, software developers, computer network and help desk people, secretaries, and **teachers**). These support workers also bring their children.

Of the individuals in the world of Wycliffe Bible Translators, nearly 40 percent are children under the age of 19—that's over 3,000 kids! That doesn't include the children coming from other mission groups (like us)! How many teachers would it take to provide these children with a quality education so that their parents could focus on their role in Bible translation?

Right now, Wycliffe's "Master Needs List" shows a shortage of 147 teachers for this coming school year (July 2003—June 2004) throughout the world, and 100 of them are "priority needs." At Ukarumpa International School Secondary Campus, where I am currently teaching, there is a need for science, math, and English teachers. If they don't get them, then they will ask those in the community with teaching experience in these areas to step forward. Usually, it is the Bible translators themselves who will have to take time away from their translation work to teach a 9-week term or a full semester.

We have seen first-hand that missionaries can and must endure many hardships, but one thing they don't endure very long is a perceived threat to their children's welfare and education. The reality is that **if missionary kids' education needs are not being met, Bible translation suffers**. Their parents either leave the field and go back to their home countries, or they spend more time on home-schooling than on Bible translation. Either way, it slows the progress of Bible translation work, and may even stop some Bible translations from being completed.

At our weekly teacher prayer meeting we have been specifi-

cally praying for those teachers who are in the process of applying, and for those who are waiting for visas or financial provision. Please pray for the removal of any obstacles keeping these teachers from the mission field. Jesus said in Luke 10:2, "**The harvest is indeed plentiful, but the laborers are few. Pray therefore to the Lord of the harvest, that he may send out laborers into his harvest.**"



Lori teaching health at Ukarumpa International School Secondary Campus



Ask us about God's Kingair B200! God is still providing the rest of the funds to pay for this beautiful flying machine and calling pilots to PNG. There are few roads in PNG, but many dirt runways. Air travel is very important in getting the Word of God to people.

# Kid's Column

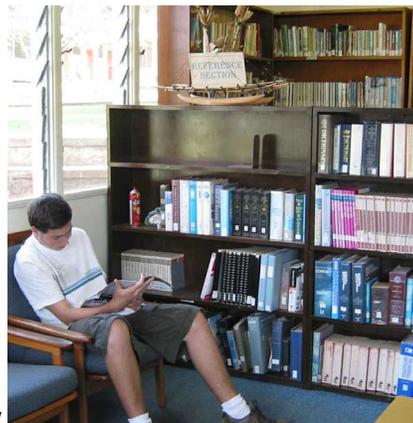
By Nate, Ben, and Evan

Imagine yourself with no broadcast or cable TV, no malls, no fast food, no Wal-Mart, and sporadic contact with the outside world. (So who won the war? The north or the south?). What would you do to entertain yourself?

- Do school work
- Read books
- Watch the same DVD or video tape for the 20th time
- Became a pyromaniac (Ben's favorite)
- Discover new uses for sweet potatoes
- Try new foods (kangaroo tail, crocodile, vegemite, etc.)
- Innertube down the local river *na lukim ol pikinini i as nating* (and see the skinny-dipping children).



Ben taking a test



Nate reading in the high school library

Evan jumping on sports day



Ben experimenting with combustible illumination devices



Ba'e River

## Multipurpose Travel Plans

Our whole family is looking forward to visiting our partners, family, and friends in the USA! We are also looking forward to enjoying our own culture and the many modern conveniences we used to take for granted. Here are some of the highlights of our itinerary:

Saturday, 28 June: Longmont, Colorado

Monday, 30 June, 7:30-9:30 PM: Open house in Longmont at Steve & Margaret Strong's house (303-651-3927).

Sunday, 6 July, 3:00-5:00 PM: Molina, Colorado. Open house at Irvin & Paula Johnson's house (970-268-5560).

8-17 July: WordWorks conference in Dallas.

14-17 July: Family in Dallas

Sunday, 20 July, 3:00-5:00 PM: Open house at Shawn & Annette Magraw's house in Sammamish, Washington (425-868-4453)

17 July: Ewa Beach, Hawaii

Please pray for us to have a healthy, safe, and productive trip.

We believe in the God who answers prayer! How can we best pray for you? Please email us at [mpj@eBible.org](mailto:mpj@eBible.org) with any prayer requests you might have. Thanks!

*Jesus Christ is Lord!*

*Michael & Lori Johnson*



Some of our neighbors