

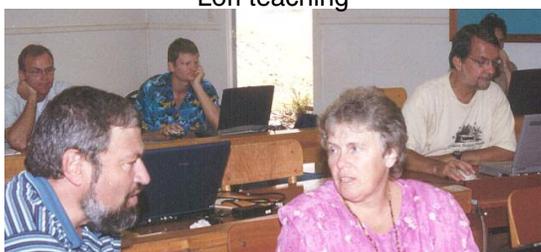
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Bantura church after Michael preached



Lori teaching



Michael teaching Bible translators how to use some software (Paratext)



National women's Bible study



Saturday Radio class

Report to Partners

By Michael

With your help, we have ministered another year in Papua New Guinea.

Lori's main job is teaching missionary kids and some local children at Ukarumpa International School, Secondary Campus (UISSC). She also coaches soccer. Teachers at this school draw no salary, but live on support provided by their partners, just like all of the other missionaries here. Teachers free up Bible translators and other Bible translation support workers to focus more fully on the task of Bible translation. Lori also continues to lead a national women's Bible study and a girls' Bible study. She also makes us pizza at least once a week. (Pizza isn't something you can dial a phone and order, here, so that is more important than you might think.)

My main job is writing software to help Bible translators in their work. My current project is helping speed the process of Bible typesetting. The first entire New Testament to use this new process will be the Numanggang New Testament plus Psalms, but the same software is also being used by other people, on multiple continents. We give the software away freely to anyone working on Bible translation. This is one way that your gifts to us keep giving. I preach and teach from time to time, help Bible translators with software issues, and manage a department (Publications and Computer Training) on the SIL Centre at Ukarumpa. I'm also working with a group of local people to help them start a Christian radio station.

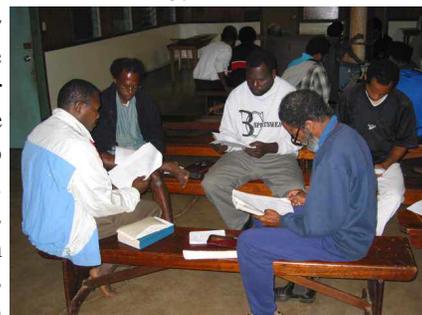
The boys' main job, of course, is to be students and enjoy their teenage years wherever they are. They are also ambassadors of Jesus Christ. See Nate's article on the next page.



Lori with 11th grade girls' Bible study



Michael pointing to where the Numanggang people live. The Hynums recently completed the translation of the New Testament and Psalms into Numanggang, and used Michael's software to typeset it.



These men are learning inductive Bible study methods in a class led by Michael.

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My Mission Trip to Simbu Province

by Nate Johnson

This past school break, I went to show the Jesus video in Simbu province. Simbu is a province next to where we live (Eastern Highlands) that is farther into the highlands. The Jesus video had recently been translated into the local language for about 100,000 people in



Sometimes 4-wheel drive isn't enough.

the province: Kuman. Kuman is one of the largest local languages in Papua New Guinea, but no one had translated the Jesus video into Kuman until recently. We showed the video to over 3,000 people in 4 villages and Kundiawa, the provincial capital. For many people, it was the first time that the good news had been presented to them in their own language. God really helped us to overcome

many obstacles during the trip. Several times, we had to drag/push the cars through nearly impassable sections of road. A couple of times

I thought we would fall off of a cliff (the mountains there are steep, as in seems like 90 degrees steep), but we returned safely. In one village, a respected businessman had died of AIDS the day before we arrived, and the generator started cutting out during Jesus' trial before Pontius Pilate. Despite these troubles, people were able to see through to the resurrection and asked to see our Bible story skits again. I also enjoyed getting muddy, playing volleyball and soccer, swimming in rivers, enjoying the endless generosity and food giving, talking with people, and learning the language. There are many strong Christians in the villages and towns of PNG, that helped us immensely and greeted and cared for us in every village. I pray that God will give me more opportunities like this in the future.



Typical Simbu Province mountains. Note the cliff-ledge road.



Telling stories

The Good Samaritan skit

Cooling off and bathing in the river

Don't Stop Praying!

The last three words uttered in this world by my friend, neighbor, and brother in Christ, John Relyea, were "Don't stop praying!" This Scriptural advice is backed up by abundant fruit of the Holy Spirit in John's life, a healthy prayer life, and an anointing from God for what he was tasked to do. John and his wife, Marsha, translated the Aruamu New Testament. This New Testament is being printed, and will be dedicated 2 July 2005. God's Word will not return void!

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Prayer Requests

- ▶ Praise God for answered prayers.
- ▶ Effectiveness in ministry
- ▶ Provision of at least 100% of our official budget
- ▶ Protection from spiritual and physical harm
- ▶ Godly wisdom

Jesus Christ is Lord!

Michael & Lori Johnson