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## Leyen

by Lori

Sometimes you meet someone who you know is going to be a special friend. For me, it was Leyen. I met Leyen almost 4 years ago when she came to the national women's Bible study. I could tell that she hungered for more of God and was dedicated to study His Word. There were many times that she wouldn't have enough money to take a PMV (public motor vehicle) to the Bible study, so she would walk over an hour to attend. It was obvious to me as we studied that she was fairly well educated (finished grade 10). Later she made it known that she wanted to be a minister. There are very few women ministers in PNG, but she knew that she wanted to reach other language groups with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Throughout the 3 years that I led the Bible study, I saw Leyen's faithfulness in attending her church, being involved in her church's women's ministry and involved in our Bible study and outreaches. In January of 2006, Leyen started her church 'ministry school.' We sponsored part of the cost for her to attend this school for one year, believing that God wanted her to attend. I received a letter from her a few months ago and here are some excerpts,

"I've been to practical for 3 weeks near Okapa, right inside the bush, 6 hours of walking from the main road to Okapa. I really felt the pain of Missionary work. I was lonely. I cried, but I said I chose that work. I can cry, but I must GO."

As Christians we are called to "Go and make disciples of all nations." (Matt. 28:19). We know that there are struggles in doing this, physically, emotionally and spiritually, and it hurts sometimes; but as Leyen says, "I can cry but I must GO." For some of us, we are compelled to GO!

"Lori, I really appreciated the gift you sent for me. Thank you very much. I am still praying for you and your family. Plenty something I need to learn, so please keep praying for me too."

We echo this "thank you" to you, our partners. Without your support we wouldn't be in PNG and wouldn't have been able to help Leyen with her school fees. My prayer is that we would find more people like Leyen in PNG so that nation would know the Lord Jesus Christ and make HIM known.



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## Missionary Hearts Exposed

by Michael

- So... what is on our hearts, anyway?
- ▶ **Loving** Father God and wanting to please Him.
  - ▶ **Loving** God's people and those becoming His.
  - ▶ **Being** who God wants us to be.
  - ▶ **Going** where God wants us to go and **doing** what He wants us to do. Right now, that means supporting Bible translation work wherever we are and moving back to Papua New Guinea in June.
  - ▶ **Rescuing** people from torment in hell by getting the Word of God to them in a language they understand so that they can put their faith in Jesus Christ.
  - ▶ **Raising godly children.** Completing Rachel's adoption.
  - ▶ **Guarding** our own hearts, lest we stumble and others fall as a result.
  - ▶ **Gratitude** for your participation with us in the Gospel.



## KIDS' COLUMN

BY RACHEL AND DAD

A couple of weeks ago, I had a holy and awesome dream from God about Rachel. I can't tell it all, here, but I can say that I came away with great assurance that the Lord has placed her in our family for many good reasons. He also made it clear that He has some very good and special plans for her. I believe Him!



If you would like to get prayer letters, updates, and photos from us via email, please let us know at [Kahunapule@eBible.org](mailto:Kahunapule@eBible.org).

We also keep updating our web site, which is at <http://eBible.org/Johnson> or <http://kahunapule.org>



### Hobby Bible Translation

by Michael

My hobbies include photography, ham radio, and Bible translation. Although my main job is **support** of Bible translation work in various ways, including writing software, I have had a hobby of actually **doing** Bible translation since before we went into full-time missions work. You can read about it at <http://eBible.org/webhistory.htm>. The experience gained with the translation of the World English Bible (WEB) and the World English Bible: Messianic Edition (also known as the Hebrew Names Version) has been very helpful in my work supporting people doing translations into languages without existing Bible translations.

While there is already an abundance of excellent translations of the Holy Bible into English, the WEB and HNV are unique in that they are free to download, free to copy, free to publish, free to read aloud or play recordings of in public, free to download audio recordings, free to quote in other works, and free to bundle with software. Unfortunately, it isn't free for me to host on the web and paper editions cost money to print, but the Lord has always provided enough for us to cover these costs so that we can continue making the Word of God freely available via the Internet.

### Prayer Points

- Please agree in prayer with us...
- ▶ Thanks for God's faithfulness in getting us this far!
  - ▶ Effectiveness in ministry
  - ▶ Wisdom in balancing competing time demands
  - ▶ Wisdom in parenting
  - ▶ Abundant provision for travel, living, education, and ministry expenses
  - ▶ God's great blessing on all of our partners
  - ▶ Health and safety
  - ▶ Good travel and no lost luggage or cargo
  - ▶ Favor with the authorities, especially concerning Rachel's adoption, visas, and citizenship

**Jesus Christ is LORD!**

*Michael & Lori Johnson*