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## Our Newsletters are Going Paperless

*by Michael*

This is the last of our newsletters that will go out by paper mail for this field term. We will continue sending email updates at least once per month (usually more often). We will also update our web site from time to time. If you got this newsletter via paper mail, but aren't getting our regular email updates, and you want to, then please email us at the email address, above, and let us know. We will be glad to add you to our email mailing list.

## More Scriptures in More Languages!

*by Michael*

It is with great joy that we report five Bible dedications in more languages in Papua New Guinea in 2009:  
#171: 21 May 2009 — Minimimb  
#172: 24 July 2009 — Iyo  
#173: 5 August 2009 — Gapapaiwa  
#174: 14 August 2009 —  
Minaveha  
#175: December 2009 — Takuu  
(Mortlock)

Please pray that these Scriptures will be read, believed, and will change people's hearts.

## Scriptures on the Web

*by Michael*

Although much of Papua New Guinea still lacks electricity and technology, that is changing. Mobile telephone service is expanding rapidly to cover more of the nation, and with it some basic access to web and email services. There is also an initiative under way to bring low-cost, low-power computers to classrooms in Papua New Guinea. As that happens, we want to be ready with something wholesome for people to read in the more

than 850 languages of Papua New Guinea — at least for the 175 New Testaments that are ready for publication.

Converting Scriptures to HTML for web posting and into Bible study program formats is a challenge, given the variety of alphabets, methods of electronic encoding (or lack thereof), etc. We have started with a pilot web site with 4 languages: Bimin, Dedua, Numanggang, and Gapapaiwa. Although my main job that consumes most of my working time is still Aviation IT support, I have been allowed to work on this, and have created two web sites for the PNG Bible Translation Association: [PNGScriptures.org](http://PNGScriptures.org) and [TokPlesBaibel.org](http://TokPlesBaibel.org). The first one has an English introduction, and the second one has a *Tok Pisin* (Melanesian Pidgin) introduction. Those sites will go "live" as soon as I get permission to make them fully public. After that, I'll keep adding languages and download formats to those sites as we get copyright clearance.



Paul & Jenny Minter and their translation team at the Iyo New Testament dedication. Photo by Tim Husk.

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## Rachel's Column

I had fun traveling with Mommy in America, visiting people during school break. I saw my big brother Ben and my big brother Nate. I saw lots of other people, too. I got to go swimming in Grandma Carol's swimming pool.

Now, I'm back in Ukarumpa with my big brother Evan, and with Mom and Dad. I go to "big" school (preschool) two mornings a week and day care three mornings a week. We have a park behind our house, and I like to play with my friends, there. We also have a basketball court, where I like to ride my bicycle.



We have a pet cockatoo named Koki. She talks to me. She likes to eat peanuts. We also have a puppy named "Jack." He is getting pretty big, now.

Some people here have horses, and sometimes I get to ride on one. I like to ride on horses, like the one in this picture.



## Quiz

Please select the best answer for each question.

1. Papua New Guinea is (A) in Africa, (B) in Asia, (C) in the Pacific Ocean, north of Australia, or (D) none of the above.
2. There should be a comma after "Papua" in "Papua New Guinea." (A) True, or (B) False.
3. Papua New Guinea shares a land border with (A) Papua, Indonesia, (B) Kalimantan, (C) Guinea Bassau, or (D) Bolivia.
4. Papua New Guinea time (A) never goes on daylight savings time, (B) is 10 hours ahead of Coordinated Universal Time or Greenwich Mean Time, (C) is the same as Guam time, or (D) all of the above.
5. How many languages are spoken in Papua New Guinea? (A) 3, (B) 20, (C) 175, (D) More than 850
6. Small earthquakes happen frequently, here, but usually don't cause significant damage. (A) True, or (B) False.
7. There is no road at all from the capital city, Port Moresby, to Ukarumpa. (A) True, or (B) False.
8. Papua New Guinea is (A) a colony, (B) a protectorate, (C) an island, or (D) an independent nation covering about 600 islands.
9. Lori supports Bible translation work by (A) teaching high school health classes, (B) teaching high school Physical Education, (C) leading a Bible study, (D) taking care of her family, or (E) all of the above.
10. Michael supports Bible translation work by (A) helping the Aviation department with computer help and network support, (B) writing and maintaining custom software for the Aviation department, (C) writing software and doing web site design and maintenance for the Scriptures on the web project, or (D) all of the above.
11. In addition to his regular work, Michael (A) helps the Papua New Guinea Christian Broadcasting Network (Wantok Radio Light), (B) occasionally teaches and preaches, (C) takes lots of pictures, or (D) all of the above.
12. The most widely spoken language in Papua New Guinea is (A) Kuman, (B) English, (C) French, (D) Tok Pisin (Melanesian Pidgin), or (E) Hiri Motu.

1 C; 2 B; 3 A; 4 D; 5 D; 6 A; 7 A; 8 D; 9 E; 10 D; 11 D; 12 D

## Quiz Answers

## Please Keep Praying For

- Productivity for us for the Kingdom of God
- Protection for our whole family against spiritual and physical hazards
- Provision for all of our ministry and personal needs
- Plans for the future (especially after Evan graduates from high school)
- Peace and godliness to prevail in Aiyura Valley

*Jesus Christ is Lord!*

*Michael & Lori Johnson*