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UISSC girls' soccer team

Farewell to PNG

by Lori

It may be hard for some to comprehend people from over 30 countries coming together to a place in the remote mountains of Papua New Guinea, to commit themselves to the task of bringing the Word of God to the people of Papua New Guinea. Yet, since 1956, over 176 New Testaments have been translated into that many heart languages of PNG people groups. Even though Michael and I have not been directly involved in translating the Bible into these languages, we've been support workers helping the Translators get their work accomplished since 2001. It has been a privilege for me to teach, coach and mentor children of these Translators and other workers involved in getting God's Word to PNG. These children live in a unique place and have labels like, "MK's" (missionary kids) or "TCKs" (Third Culture Kids). They have similar challenges of



other youth around the world, but in a unique culturally mixed setting. While living here, I've also been involved in leading national women's Bible studies, been an AIDS Task Force member and chairman and helped with sport activities in the community. Even though our family left the familiarity and comfort of our home country, and encountered some difficult challenges along the way, it has been good. I'll miss this community and the national people we have become friends with.

When we leave PNG on the 18th of June, we will leave a part of us here with many of our PNG colleagues and friends. Michael will continue to be a part of the work of Bible translation here in PNG and other Pacific nations through the Scripture on the Web project. Michael will be working for Wycliffe Associates, PNG Bible Translation Association, and other organizations to electronically publish Scriptures in hundreds of languages. You can find out more about this exciting opportunity for ministry to people of the Pacific nations at <http://PNGScriptures.org/ScriptureontheWebintro.ppt>. We will continue to be full-time missionaries living on the faithful financial support of our partners. Thank you. I'll be working on my teacher recertification, preparing for whatever comes next. I look forward to the opportunities that God will present to me in the next phase of our missionary journey.



Rachel's Column



I like to play in the park behind our house. It has a slide, swing set, monkey bars, and a sandbox. I hope our new house has a good place to play, too.

I also like to go to school with my friends. I go to preschool 3 mornings a week.



Baby Ben (not my brother, Ben) comes to visit us sometimes with his mother.

Our Schedule

Our plans for the next several months are just starting to fill in. Please contact us if you would like for us to speak at your church, Bible study, fellowship group, or another event.

- 30 May 2010: Nate graduates from Brown University
- 15 June: Evan graduates from Ukarumpa International School
- 18-22 June: Travel from Ukarumpa to Ewa Beach, Hawaii
- 27 June: Sharing at Hope Chapel Westside, Ewa Beach HI
- July-September: on the Big Island of Hawaii; mailing address to be announced on our web site as soon as we know it.
- 1st week of October: Seattle, WA
- 24 October: New Creation Church, Longmont CO
- October-December: Colorado speaking/deputation road trip
- Starting January 2011: working full time on the Scriptures on the Web project

Praise the Lord! Thank you for praying!

- **Rachel has her U. S. immigrant visa!** Thanks to the U. S. A. Child Citizenship Act of 2000, she will become a U. S. citizen on entry to the U. S. A., on the 22nd of June, 2010! Hallelujah!
- **Hawaii gives full effect and credit for adoptions properly completed in foreign courts**, so we are spared a great deal of expense, paperwork, and stress by moving there instead of any of the other states we had considered.
- Lori's medical work in Cairns was a success, and she is **healing well, now.**

Please keep praying for

- **Full provision** for all of our ministry and personal needs. We are currently getting **63%** of the Wycliffe standard recommended ministry budget we need to continue in full-time Christian missions. We are grateful for that much, and seeking the Lord's provision of additional partners to make up the difference.
- **Reliable vehicles** for use at our new home and on our deputation road trip.
- **Clear guidance**, especially for our sons as they are in times of transition.
- **Peace and godliness** to prevail here in the Aiyura Valley and in our hearts.
- **Protection** from spiritual and physical hazards for our whole family.
- **Effectiveness** in ministry.
- God to **bless our partners.**

Thank you for your partnership!

Jesus Christ is Lord!

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