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in Pacific nations and the world

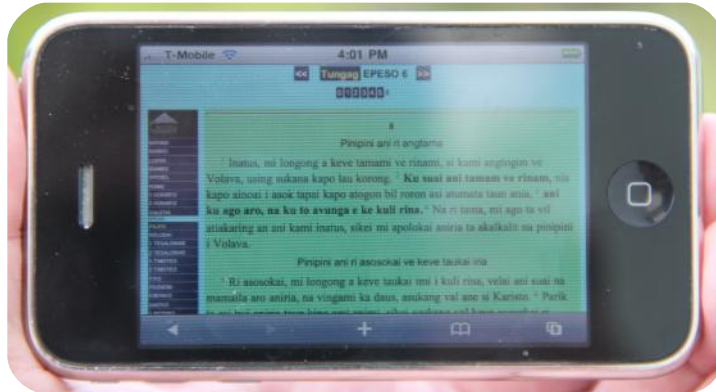


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Smart phones and Internet service are now sold in Papua New Guinea in places that didn't even have telephone service when we first came to PNG. It is a great opportunity for electronic publication of Scriptures. This picture shows Scriptures in a PNG language that is currently on line.

ples on the Internet at PNGScriptures.org. For him, the assignment was easy, and other students rushed to see if Scriptures were available in their own languages on the Internet. Currently, only 14 of about 850 PNG languages are available. Matthew was thankful to see his tok ples Scriptures on the Internet. For the others, there is a small group of volunteer workers from several organizations putting Bible translations in the languages of Papua New Guinea and other nations on the Internet. This is where Mike's skills have been used for the last few months and where he will be focusing his efforts for the future.

New Ways to Publish Scripture

by Lori

I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all the marvelous things you have done.

Psalms 9:1 (NLT)

The young man, Matthew (not his real name), is a student at the Divine Word University (DWU) of Papua New Guinea and is currently studying to become a nurse. DWU is known as one of the best Universities in PNG for their rigorous training, especially in the area of health care and technology.

Matthew carries a very valuable asset for his University studies—a computer. In PNG, where 80% of the people don't have electricity, cell phones, smart phones, and laptop computers are becoming more common. A person can use a solar charger or go to the city and pay a small price at a storefront to charge their battery. In one of his classes, Matthew was given an assignment to translate a portion of the Bible into his local language. Matthew knew that his *tok ples* (local language) had already been translated, so he decided to see if the Internet could help him. With over 850 languages spoken in PNG, he was surprised to find that there was a translation of the New Testament of his tok

Got a car for us?
We need a car to use in
Colorado from the 28th
of September to the
28th of December.



Partnership Opportunities and Prayer Points

- We need additional partners who commit to monthly support so that we, in turn, can commit to continuing in full-time Christian ministry.
- Please pray for us, that we overcome the stresses of change and other obstacles, and **remain productive** for the Kingdom of God and **full of the Joy of the Lord.**

Our Schedule

We would like to meet with you and/or your church, prayer group, Bible study, Sunday School, etc. Our time on the mainland is limited, though, so please let us know when we might be able to meet. Our schedule so far includes:

- October 17 - Cornerstone Church, Buena Vista, Colorado
- October 24 - New Creation Church, Longmont, Colorado

More

Rachel's Column



I really love my big brothers. I'm glad that Nate and Ben came to visit us. Nate and Ben have already gone back to college, and Evan is about to go to college, too.

I miss my friends in Ukarumpa, but I have made some new friends at our new house.

I like to swim.

Sometimes when I put my goggles on and swim with my family in the ocean, I get to see fish and sea turtles.



I like to ride my bike. I ride it every day. I like to ride horses, too. I got to ride a horse one Saturday at church when they had lots of fun things to do.



What Changes?

- Michael will be **working on site at the YWAM University of the Nations** Kailua Kona, Hawaii Campus.
- Michael will be **part of a larger team** of people working on **electronic Scripture publication**.
- We will be working primarily in the U. S. A., taking ministry trips as necessary.



An exciting opportunity has opened up for Michael to work on a joint project with YWAM doing the same electronic Scripture publication things he has been doing, but more of it.

What Stays the Same?

1. We are **still reaching people in Papua New Guinea** and other nations with the precious word of God in their own languages.
2. We are **still supporting the work of Bible translation**.
3. We are **still working full time as missionaries**.
4. Lori will **continue working remotely for Ukarumpa International School**.
5. We are **still relying on donations given through World Outreach Ministries** for both living and ministry expenses. (We get no regular salary.)
6. We are **still very grateful for your support and encouragement**.

Why did we move to Hawaii?

- **Both of us both sense that God clearly led us here.**
- **Hawaii's laws recognizing foreign adoption** are better than other states we had opportunities to move to and still do mission work.
- Being based in the U. S. A. gives us access to the **quality infrastructure** we missed in PNG, making it a much more productive place to do IT work.
- **Working days overlap** in time zones of interest, **facilitating communications**.
- Hawaii is in a **strategic location** for air travel.
- The IT missionary team that I'll be joining is **based at the University of the Nations** in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii.
- **We like it.** The Lord knows that. Isn't He great?

Thank you for your partnership!

Jesus Christ is Lord!

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