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And the Work Starts

October, right after the ABG elections, marked another village trip to Buka for Larry. The purpose was to get the translation teams started on using the drafting methods they had learned in TTC1 (Translators' Training Course), which ended in July.

Although slightly delayed by the funeral of a community leader, the two teams at Tung village started quite strong and worked for four days, getting the whole drafting process done for multiple chunks (6-10 verses) of Scripture. On Thursday that week, Larry went down to Kahule village, and helped part of the team there (plus a new recruit) work all the way through the process for their first chunk of Scripture.

What about the team at Gagan who had missed the last two weeks of TTC1? Again, part of the team plus a new recruit were able to meet for a day and go through most of the drafting process together.

And they said, Let us rise up and build.
So they strengthened their hands for this good work.

Nehemiah 2:18b (KJV)

We're excited that all four teams are ready to work, and especially for the new recruits!

Prayer Corner

Praises:

- Four Solos teams drafting!
- Two new recruits to the translation teams
- God's amazing provision (through you!): we are now back on budget
- Good travel to and from Buka

Requests:

- Pray for the four Solos translation subteams as they each figure out good ways to work and that they would make progress on their sections of Genesis
- That Larry would be able to use this drafting time well to get things done in literacy, linguistics, and other needed areas
- For our family to thrive, whatever our circumstances

Needs Supplied

We have experienced an outpouring of generosity over the past month that has been extraordinary. We deeply appreciate every individual and church who have stepped up to fill the gap, as well as our faithful regular financial partners, many of whom have been with us for years (bless you, bless you, bless you!).

Our budget should now be sufficient to get us through to the start of furlough next June. We really would like to finish this term well and see much accomplished in these coming months.

While we have frequently and consistently seen God supply our needs through His people, this is one of those highlight times of unexpected crisis. We couldn't help but wonder, "Will it happen this time?" Through you, your prayers, and God's faithfulness, the answer is yet again, "Yes!"

THANK YOU!

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The Back Page



This is the graveside portion of the funeral mentioned on the front page. Nearly the whole village turned out, and some leaders from elsewhere. (Note that the roofing iron and timber in the foreground is mostly a disassembled house waiting to be built again.)

Lawrance in his choir finery the night of the concert at the end of last term. He continues to enjoy working at the music and performing.



Christy enjoys working with her nine laying hens on the side. It's fairly low input on a day-to-day basis, and the eggs are a nice bonus.





Amaziah is anchoring B Team soccer as their main goalie. In general he does pretty well, and has learned quite a lot this term, too.

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