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A Visit to Papua New Guinea

Traveling to Papua New Guinea is no small thing, as Director Mark Surbrook and Chairman Joe Trussell experienced firsthand last October. They left Kansas City on a Sunday evening, but did not arrive in PNG until Tuesday. When you consider that PNG is also 16 hours ahead of Central Standard Time, the men were no doubt glad for a chance to rest overnight before taking the final leg of their arrival—a small plane inland to Ukarumpa.

Ukarumpa is the largest missionary compound in the world with about 400 expatriates living there. Larry and Christy Doyle are among these expats, all working in some capacity to see the Bible translated into the languages of Papua New Guinea. Larry works as Senior Manager of Language Programs, and his boss spoke very highly of him and his work.

While Larry works at the office full-time, Christy homeschools the two oldest boys, Lawrance (age 7) and Amaziah (age 5), and watches Jacob (age 2). Lawrance also takes certain special classes such as computer and PE at the local school. Christy participates in a couple of Bible studies in addition to her duties at home.

Mark and Joe enjoyed their visit with the Doyles. Thank you for your continued prayers for their ministry.



Joe Trussell, Mark Surbrook, and the Doyle family:
Larry, Christy, Amaziah, Lawrance, and Jacob

Bible Translation Statistics:

From Summer Institute of Linguistics, 2015

839 living languages in PNG
167 languages currently engaged
321 languages need engagement.
203 languages with New Testaments
513 personnel working in PNG.

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In the mountains, Mark and Joe were greeted and carried on litters



Andepa Auri preached to 200-300 people in a local village market.



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A VISIT TO PNG, PART TWO

During their visit to Papua New Guinea, Mark Surbrook and Joe Trussell traveled to meet two brothers, Andrew and Andepa Auri. Andepa is the founder of Harvest for Christ Ministries, a group of about 45 churches and 3500 believers based four hours from Ukarumpa.

Mark and Joe were greeted warmly by the people with hugs and wailing, the latter a sign that visitors had come and others should come meet them. The following day, they traveled to Minj where Mark spoke that night and Joe the next day.

There was one more stop in this part of the journey, a trip into the mountains to where HFCM had begun 19 years earlier. The group of churches started with Andepa preaching in the markets, and the people asking for a church. While they were there, Mark and Joe saw Andepa and the church people in action as Andepa preached to some 200-300 people in a local market.

Harvest for Christ Ministries focuses on three primary points: holiness belongs to God, preaching against sin and Satan, and self-reliance through work. They are seeking partners to help provide training in theology and church administration to help establish this group of churches. In fact, they desire a missionary to live with them and help them in these areas.

While we don't have the missionary personnel to send at this time, the World Mission Board has entered a one-year relationship with them. It is our goal to make training materials available to them, as well as to send at least one person for a short-term training session.

Thank you for your prayers for this ministry.