

The Doyle Dispatch

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Milestones

In between training and other translation work, the Solos translation team has continued to work on drafting and team checking the book of Joshua. When Larry visited in November, they together decided to finish Joshua this year, and agreed that the goal of his first 2017 visit would be to do an advisor check over the final eight chapters of Joshua.

The week before Easter, Larry arrived in Tung to discover that the team had very nearly completed preparations for that (only one chapter needed to be hurriedly transcribed to the appropriate notebook). He was able to participate in the Good Friday and Easter celebrations, and then get down to five full days of checking.

The process is rather involved and detailed, and they averaged about two chapters per day of verse-by-verse, and in some cases phrase-by-phrase, checking. For the most part the team had continued with their very high quality drafting methods that they had learned in training, and there were very few real trouble spots.

Praise God the entire remainder of the book of Joshua is now in a very high quality second

draft. There are now 12 chapters that need to be village checked, and then they will be ready for the final check with an outside consultant (the last stage before publication) and we can publish the first book of the Bible in Solos!

Prayer Corner

Praises:

- Progress in Solos translation!
- New directorate team in place for our Branch
- Opportunities for training of PNGians, and fruit of that training
- Good finish to the school year for the boys

Requests:

- Communication with our Solos team continues to be very difficult
- Personnel shortages here in PNG; pray to the Lord of the harvest for laborers
- A number of our colleagues are facing serious health concerns



Then Samuel took a stone, ...and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.

I Samuel 7:12

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We are looking at support roles that need to be filled in missions. Last time we looked at teachers. This newsletter the focus is on Finance.



It takes money to do pretty much anything in the world, and when money has to move from place to place according to a number of complex rules, it takes finance people. Accountants, advisors, insurance experts, finance managers, project funding people, and others are needed to make an organization like ours keep ticking.

Over the past few years we have been very short on finance personnel, and it has had a negative impact on the day-to-day work of everyone. Currently there are a few expat missionaries working in this department, as well as PNGian employees. Pray that God will send the people needed to lower the pressure on the finance people here, and to replace the ones who will leave or go on furlough next.



Photo by Mindy Clover

As senior manager over the department involved, Larry had the privilege of speaking at the graduation of an adult literacy course here on our center. Sixteen local men and women learned to read and write, and it was a privilege to hear them read Scripture and encourage them to keep on learning.

This week Larry also was privileged to travel out to a village where local literacy teachers are being trained by a PNG graduate of literacy courses in 2006!

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