

The Journey of Hanna Joy

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Hello All,

Yet again, time is rushing by as each day fills itself with a multitude of small tasks. I pray that we all can see God in the everyday things we are part of, as well as in the big things.

My Christmas went well. I shared various times of food, drink and friendship with my Ukarumpa friends and was able to skype with all of my family, which was such a blessing. Ukarumpa is a multi-cultural community and over Christmas I was able to experience tastes (literally at times!) of various Christmas traditions.

Following Christmas I holidayed in Madang with my sister for nearly two weeks. It was so good to spend time with Leah as well as to catch up with Michelle, my POC room-mate, and with our host families from POC. Time by the coast, snorkelling, reading and relaxing was a good way to start the year!

Since my return to Ukarumpa I've been slowly finding my feet in the Project Resource Office. Carol left on furlough in mid Jan, and after a week in the office on my own, Janet joined me and will be around for six months. Janet is with LBT USA, so it has been nice to meet an organisational 'wan tok' from the other side of the Pacific.

In the mornings I work in Projects and in the afternoons I work from home at the computer. Primarily this means chipping away at a grammar paper, but it also means keeping up with emails and doing a range of paperwork towards the other things I hope to be part of in the coming months.

March is conference time here at Ukarumpa. First there is Interact, a chance for various language programmes to share, for discussion and training. Following this is the SIL PNG branch conference, which happens every two years. Everyone in the branch is expected to attend, so it will be a time of catching up with friends from the regions and meeting new people as well as the official branch meetings.

In April I hope to join the New Ireland Translation Initiative (NITI) to assist Wilson, the Hinsaal translator, with advisor checks and revisions to significant portions of the New Testament. This plan is still waiting for confirmation as the NITI team gets in contact with Wilson in his village where communication with the outside world is difficult.

Thank you all for sharing this journey with me. I am constantly learning and experiencing new things as I continue to settle into the work and life here.

Blessings and Bubbles

Hanna



Above: Michelle showing photos to our wasfamili (host family).



Left: Touring Madang with Leah, Michelle and another family.

Project Resource Office

Our office is the go-between for projects in PNG and international sponsors. We are responsible for keeping the projects accountable, for chasing down, checking and passing on quarterly reports and for processing applications for new projects and resubmissions for continuing projects. We also process the paperwork required for the publication of Scripture and applying for funding.

There are many details to keep track of and I'm still learning what they are! Thankfully my boss is very patient and always willing to answer questions. The details and getting reports in on time are the challenges of the job.

The joy of the job is hearing all the stories from around the country of the amazing things that God is doing through projects. I hear stories of translation, literacy, scripture use, health seminars, training, sustainability projects, safer travel...and so much more.

Online...

I have not updated my blog very often in recent months, so instead, here are some websites to give you a bigger picture of where I am and the work I am part of:

The school website has a good photographic introduction to Ukarumpa. Plus for any teachers wanting to come for a few months or a few years, there is plenty of other info...

www.ukarumpainternationalschool.org/ukarumpa/ukarumpa.htm

For translation stories, news and needs in the Pacific region:

www.pacificbible.blogspot.com

For news releases and videos on Bible Translation & Language Development work in PNG

www.youtube.com/thepngexperience

www.issuu.com/thepngexperience

Prayer Points

Conference: As a branch may we listen to God's guiding. May needed roles be filled by competent and willing people.

Personnel: That people will hear the call to fill the many vacancies in Bible translation and support work in PNG

NITI: That we'll be able to get in touch with Wilson and confirm travel and work plans in good time.

Projects Office: For all the projects as they work on their resubmissions for the next funding cycle. For Janet and I as we help people with this.

Thanks: For a good Christmas and holiday in Madang and for good friendships at Ukarumpa.



You watch when I walk or lie down,
you know every detail of my conduct.

Yu save lukim mi long taim mi mekim wok
na long taim mi slip.
Yu save long olgeta pasin bilong mi.

Psalm 139:3

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