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Hi Prayer Partners!

It was a great joy to recently attend the dedication of the Kandas New Testament on New Ireland, an island province on the far eastern side of Papua New Guinea (PNG). Robyn Davies, from Sydney, worked on this translation with the people over the past 12 years. The photo shows a family of 3 buying 4 copies, indicating their keenness to have the Scriptures in their own language, although they are also probably buying copies for other families. Some people from other villages came a long way by boat to be there.



My travel involved a few flights, and also a 2-hour boat trip across the ocean in a dinghy. Thankfully the water was calm!

I'm now working with 4 Kanite ("car-NEE-tey") men (from left: Norman, Mick, Timothy & Tony) back in the Highlands Audio Studio, to record the Gospel of Mark in their language. They come from different churches and all have a strong desire to see the Gospel become available to their people in audio form. One of them met some family members at the local Ukarumpa market one morning and told them, "You must buy an AudioBible when we are finished. It will cost 20 Kina" (about \$A8). These AudioBibles actually cost about \$A40, so we sell them heavily subsidised to make them affordable. If you wish to help make this subsidy possible, you can do so through this link:



<https://wycliffe.org.au/projects/ian-hutchinson-ministry/>

Many thanks to those who have already made a contribution, so that the PNG village people, about 85% illiterate, can access God's Word, "the Word of truth" (John 17:17).

Yours because His,

Ian Hutchinson

PS. To make a free WhatsApp call, register on the App, then use my PNG number (+675 7445 0633) to invite me. Give it a try!



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PRAYER POINTS

- Praise for safety to get to the **Kandas** New Testament dedication.
- Praise that 250 copies, half the number printed, were sold on the Dedication Day (2,000 speakers, mainly children). Pray for God to transform lives by His Word!
- Praise for the enthusiasm of the **Kanite** recorders of Mark's Gospel.
- Pray for fluent reading by the men. They are finding this hard and progress is slow at present. They need more drama in their reading! Our planned finishing date is Friday May 17.