

# The Journey of Hanna Joy

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## Happy Christmas!

“Do not be afraid! Look, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you: he is Christ the Lord” Luke 2:10-11

May you know this joy in your life today and through 2014.

*Hanna*

### 2013

Another year has flown by and it has been a year full of both blessings and challenges. I have had the opportunity to join with numerous communities and projects to help them get God's transforming Word into their language and into their hearts. It is a privilege to be part of this work and to see them experience the great joy which the angels told the shepherd about.

As I have been helping in various places, I sometimes feel like a hired gardener, who comes to help for a season or a task, then walks away without seeing the final result. I trust that the Spirit continues to work the garden and that the harvest will come.



### 2014

Next year's plans are settled for the first few months and then wide open. I shall be in Australia for furlough in Feb and March, speaking at churches and small groups about the ministry I am part of, as well as catching up with family and friends. Most of my Sundays in this time frame already have commitments, but if you'd like me to share at another event mid week, please get in touch and we'll see what is possible.

When I return to PNG in April, I'll once again be facing the big questions of partnership and allocation. Catherine and I will spend time discerning if we really do think we

can work together, as well as considering which language area we may work in long term. There is a lot of work to be done, therefore many allocation options. Your prayers for wisdom and patience in this process are appreciated.

## Kapuna

For the next five weeks I am going to Kapuna, in Gulf Province, to work with the Pettersons (a NZ couple) in their project. They are trialling an innovative approach to literacy called Uniskript which I shall be participating with.

Although translation is my primary focus, literacy goes hand in hand with this, so I appreciate the opportunity to learn skills which I will need in the future. I shall be living at Kapuna Hospital, which is run by Gulf Christian Services. This means sharing Christmas with their staff and volunteers, including friends from my time on the YWAM ship. I'm looking forward to it!



Rosa teaching 4-6 year olds

Something which has existed since the beginning,  
which we have heard,  
which we have seen  
with our own eyes,  
which we have  
watched and touched  
with our own hands,  
**the Word of life-**  
this is our theme.

1 John 1:1

## Training

Training is a huge part of the work we do in PNG as the task is too big for our organisation to do alone and the local speakers are the real experts in their languages, not us.

In the last few months I was involved with a computer training course with the translation software we use, Paratext. As a mentor I helped students through the practical exercises on their computers, learning a lot along the way. The students also did typing practise, to familiarise themselves with the keyboard and jigsaws, to fine tune their mouse skills.

The other course I assisted with was 'Creative Phonics', teaching a village level approach to phonics in vernacular literacy. At the same time, the training centre was running 'Basic skills', 'Discover Your Language' and 'Greek 2'... covering the spectrum of education levels and involvement in translation.



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## Prayer Points

**Kapuna:** for safe travel, a good Christmas and the success of Uniskript in increasingly local literacy in both the vernacular and English.

**Furlough:** that all my plans may come together and that I can connect well with supporters, friends and family.

**2014** and the big decisions it holds.

**Praise** for a year full of blessings and the growth that the challenges have brought.



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