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Hello All,

The word became flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:14)

The incarnation is something that makes me both wonder silently at the cradle and sing loudly with the angels 'Glory to God in the highest!' May your celebrations of the birth of the Christ-child be a time of both meditation and of joy.

The incarnation also reminds me why I work in Bible translation. Just as when the Word became flesh it could be truly understood, translating the Bible means God's word can be truly understood. No longer is God's story and God's message something foreign, but it is part of the community and comes to live in people's hearts and lives.

Bible translation both makes the word easier to understand, and harder. Easier because it is in the language that people best understand, harder because now people need to grapple with it and the challenges it brings. Just as Jesus was (and is) accepted by some and rejected by others, the same is true of the Bible, whatever language it is in. Still, the light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it (John 1:5). My job, and the job of every Christian in their different ways, is to bear witness to that light and to clear the way for it to shine as brightly as possible.

In this season of giving and thanksgiving, I want to say thank you to each of you for what you have given me during the year. Thank you for your friendship and your encouragement. Thank you for praying for me. Thank you to those of you who give financially, and often sacrificially, to support my work. I could not do this without

you. Your financial gifts, prayers and personal support make it possible for me to be here and to continue my ministry. If you would like to give financially to my work, please contact LBTA or Wycliffe Australia. Their details are on the next page.

2015 has been a big year for me as I started my work with the Kope people. My main focus has been on learning language and building relationships. Both of these things are going well, although language learning by immersion is hard work and I joke that much of the time I am professionally confused! As I slowly gain proficiency in the language, this confusion should clear somewhat, although I know that there will always be more to learn.

As my work with the Kope builds on the work of those who went before, we were able to celebrate the dedication of the Jesus Film in Kope in October. This was a day of celebration and of sowing the seed of the word. There was much joy among the Kope people as they watched the film in their language, and they were left with much to think about as they heard Jesus' story so clearly. I pray that this event will bear a great harvest over the coming weeks, months and years. For more details of the dedication, I encourage you to visit my blog (blessingsandbubbles.blogspot.com), as I have written a series of posts about the event.



Dressed up for the Jesus Film dedication (A. Evers)



Celebrations at the Jesus Film dedication (A. Evers)

Among the blessings of 2015 is the gift of two houses, one in our Highlands base, Ukarumpa, and the other in Ubuo village. I have a transient life and having a stable home in each of these places is a real blessing. This year I have also been blessed with good medical care and manageable answers when I was unwell. This enabled me to have a wonderful time on holidays with family and friends, returning refreshed to continue my work.

I am looking forward to the new year and my continued work in PNG. The Kope translation committee would like to start the process of drafting in Luke when I return in January. This is an exciting step. I will be on furlough from May-August and look forward to meeting with many of you in person and sharing stories from the last few years. I'm sure the year will also have many surprises and challenges that will be revealed along the way.

I pray that as you enter 2016, that the reality of God who is with us will give you peace and hope in all the various circumstances of life.

Blessings,

Hanna

The crowd at the Jesus Film dedication (A.Evers)



2016

Jan 19 – Mar 16 Village trip, learning Kope, drafting Luke and maybe partnering with the YWAM medical ship.

May-August Furlough in Australia, meeting with friends and supporters and sharing about life and ministry in PNG.

Oct-Nov Village trip, continuing learning Kope and drafting.

Prayer Points

Praise that **Immanuel**, God is with us!

Pray that the seeds sown through the Jesus Film in Kope will bear a **harvest**.

Pray for my upcoming **Village trip**, for the organisational details, for good language learning, and for a good start to drafting Luke.

Pray for **furlough plans** and all the details that need to be organised remotely.

Praise God for all the **blessings** of 2015 and the gift of another year.

Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:11



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