

The Journey of Hanna Joy

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Hello All,

I have spent the last few months largely at Ukarumpa. This has covered a steep learning curve and busy period in the Project office, a week of linguistic discussion at Interact, our branch conference and Easter. I have also been out to New Ireland to help the Hinsaal translation team with the final edits to their New Testament.

In the coming months I'll be on the move a lot once again. On May 28 I fly to Kavieng, New Ireland, with Catherine Rivard to work with two different people groups, the Tigak and the Tiang. We will be helping the Tigak finalise and format a hymn book of songs in their language. With the Taing we will be translating Sunday School materials. Both of these activities help communities use God's word in their worship and teaching.

From Kavieng I fly to Port Moresby and then Cairns (June 8) for ten days of holidays with my parents. I'm looking forward to coffee and cake in cafes, foreshore walks, time with Mum and Dad, doing some supply shopping and not standing out from the crowd.

When I return to PNG I do not come straight back to Ukarumpa, but on June 17 join the YWAM medical ship 'Pacific Link' for a few weeks. SIL and YWAM are building a partnership in PNG. Currently, this means SIL supporting their medical work in Gulf and Western province. YWAM is planning to help SIL with audio recordings or other tasks. While onboard I shall be putting my maritime skills to use and serving as second mate. Hopefully I will also have time onshore to assist with a survey of literacy abilities and needs in the region as well as helping distribute literacy materials in the Rumu, Kerewo and Porome/Kibiri languages.

Easter marked my first complete year of living, working, ministering and learning in PNG. It has been a full, rewarding and wonderful year. I have been healthy, had safe travel and been able to contribute to the complex and extensive work of Bible translation in many and various ways. Thank you for sharing this journey with me. Your support and prayers are very much appreciated.

With so much happening, it is hard to fit it all in a single newsletter. Please check my blog for more regular and detailed updates or email me to sign up for my monthly prayer circular.

Blessings and Bubbles

Hanna



Looking across the meeting hall during branch conference



Working with Hinsaal translators Wilson and Seven

NITI: New Ireland Translation Institute

At Sohun, 30 min south of Namatanai on New Ireland, a few hundred metres into the jungle from the beach is NITI. The buildings are spread across a large lawn and are home to lots of hard work. Representatives from twelve language gather here for one month twice a year to work on their Bible translations and literacy materials with support from SIL advisors and consultants. During this module I worked with the Hinsaal team (Wilson and Seven) on the final edits to their New Testament.



The team at NITI

Prayer Points

Conference: Praise for all the good things happening in the branch and that we decided on a way forward, together.

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

Hinsaal: Praise for a successful two weeks of working with the Hinsaal team on final edits to the whole NT. Please pray for the next stages of typesetting etc that need to be done.

Projects Office: For someone to join me in the Project office once Janet leaves in July and to work with Carol after her return.

New Ireland: For Catherine and I as we work with the Tigak translators on their hymnbook and the Tiang translators on Sunday School Materials.

Pacific Link: For all the communities we visit and the team as we work together.

First Anniversary: Praise God for all the blessings of my first year of life and work in PNG.

Project Resource Office

Janet and I have been very busy on the Project office; Janet processing applications for funding for scripture publications, me processing project renewals for the next financial year. It has been great working with Janet, but she returns to the US in early July. We are looking for someone else to take on the role, as my part time allocation to the role is not enough to cover the workload. Carol would also like someone to work with on her return.

Online...

I've been working to update my blog more regularly, so go and have a read;

blessingsandbubbles.blogspot.com

For more information on the work of YWAM's medical ship, Pacific Link, in PNG;

www.ywamships.org

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

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