

Sent: Tuesday, 11 October 2022 5:35 PM

Hello All,

I have enough news for a newsletter, but as I have neither enough energy to write one, nor enough internet to send one, a text-only prayer update it is! I have been seven weeks in Gulf Province, and have much to thank God for, as well as needs for you to bring before our loving God in prayer.

Oral Bible Storying (OBS): Sept 7-21 was the first of six OBS workshops we are planning. It was exciting- after much planning, prayer and paperwork- to finally be welcoming trainers and participants to the Oro'i'io Madei (Living Word) Training Centre (OMTC) in Ubuo to learn to tell God's story in their own languages. We had 27 participants from 7 language communities, and most of those groups translated all four stories into their languages, with two groups only achieving two stories. For almost everyone, this was the first time they had done anything like this, but they did a great job of handling an overwhelming amount of new information and ideas, applying them, and by the end of two weeks, being confident in telling their stories clearly, accurately, naturally and in an engaging way. Pray for all of the participants as they now tell these stories in their communities. Already I am hearing of them doing this, and of very positive responses as people understand God's word in a way they have not before. Our next workshop is planned for Feb 15-Mar 3 (to be confirmed), and this will be the last chance for new people to come into the course. Pray for the five language communities who were invited but did not attend, and for those who only had a small group, that they would be moved to come and take this opportunity to have God's word in their own languages.

Earthquake: On Sept 11, while we were in church, a 7.6 earthquake set the building dancing, and many people ran outside. While there was little damage in Ubuo village, Ukarumpa was much closer to the epicentre, and there was a mess to clean up. I praise God that there were no injuries among our community, and relatively few in general, considering the size of the quake. My water tank did not survive the shaking, and the abrupt emptying of its nearly 9000L flooded the basement of my house. Friends were able to check my house for me, and while I have lost a lot of kitchenware that jumped out of cupboards and smashed, there seems to be little damage beyond that. I am thankful that the basement flood did not reach to the bottom shelf with power tools on it, so I do not appear to have lost anything there. I am thankful for the Ukarumpa community, who checked my house, cleaned up the mess, have replaced my tank, and are dealing with my insurance claim on my behalf. Pray for rain, as while I have a new tank, it has little in it.

OMTC Dorm Project: Seeing the OMTC in use for the OBS workshop gave me joy. I do not enjoy building projects, but I do enjoy their fruit, when I am able to host workshops that equip local Christians to translate, understand and share God's word with their communities. Having the OMTC makes it possible for us to be planning eleven weeks of workshops in 2023. There will be three OBS workshops (Feb, June, Oct: total 6 weeks), a Vernacular Path to English workshop for literacy teachers (Mar: 3 weeks) and a Scripture Application and Leadership Training (SALT) course (May: 2 weeks). It is exciting to see all these plans coming together, and to see God's word touching lives. The plan that is making me nervous is the plan for building a dorm for the OMTC in January 2023... as there is still much fundraising to do, and a limited time to do it! Thank you to everyone who has already given. Your gifts have made it possible for us to complete the building of two wash-houses, to upgrade one toilet, to build a new toilet, and to install two 9000L rainwater tanks. All of these improvements to amenities made the workshop run much more smoothly, and made it possible for me to once again ask the community to host workshop participants while waiting for the dorm to be built.

Please pray for the funds for the dorm to be built, and for me to have patience with waiting on God's timing, as this needs to be God's dorm, not Hanna's dorm. If you are able to give, you can do so through this webpage: [Ubuo Training Centre & Dorm, PNG - Wycliffe Australia](#)

Translation: While this village trip has been busy with the ablutions building project and the OBS workshop, I have also had time to work with the Kope translation team, which is still my favourite part of what I do here. We have been preparing the SALT Course posters, which give an overview of the basics of Christian faith. It has been an encouraging time of discussing the meaning of things like salvation and forgiveness. The poster content is now checked and ready for formatting, and through the translation process, the team has got excited to host the SALT team in May next year. While I was away, the team continued to draft and team-check Acts, and have completed up to Acts 8. Together we have done an advisor check of Acts 1-2, and I am hoping to complete the advisor check of Acts 3-6 in the coming weeks. The team are making high quality drafts, and advisor checking now goes much more smoothly than when we started, as there are less things to correct.

Luke Dedication: On Oct 23, we will be dedicating the Gospel of Luke in Kope!! Praise God for all he has done to get us to this stage of a completed, checked, printed and recorded Gospel! Pray for the dedication celebration, but also pray that people will read and listen to this book, and that they will allow God's word to change their hearts, so that they accept his love and forgiveness.

Travel, Health, Relationships: Three words that sum up a multitude of prayer points! Travel has had some hiccoughs, but I have always reached my destination safely in the end. I am currently having a short break at Kapuna hospital, but on Wed Oct 12 will return to Ubuo for another two weeks. Pray for my travel there and back, as well for the travel of anyone coming to the dedication. I am booked to return to Ukarumpa on Oct 31. Health has been okay. There have been ups and downs with headaches and heat rash, so keep praying that God will strengthen my body and give me patience with the climate. Relationships are the most rewarding and the most challenging part of any workplace, and the intensity of cross-cultural village life intensifies the challenges of relationships. I am very thankful for some amazing people of God that I get to live and work alongside. Then there are... others. Pray for God to soften some hard hearts, and to constantly give me the grace to deal with them in a loving and God-honouring way. To finish with good relationship news, my colleagues and friends Robbie and Debbie Petterson are finally back in PNG for two months, two and a half years after a quick pandemic departure, and I am having a wonderful time catching up with them, being encouraged by them, and enjoying sharing our work in the Gulf delta area with them.

Thank you to each of you for also being my team-mates in this work. Thank you for your prayers, your gifts, and your encouragement. While I am the one with the mud between my toes, you are all part of this work too. I truly could not do this without you.

Blessings,
Hanna

PNG mobile and WhatsApp: +675 7900 1475

Email: hanna_schulz@wycliffe.org.au

To give to my personal and ministry expenses: wycliffe.org.au/member/hanna

To give to the dorm project: [Ubuo Training Centre & Dorm, PNG - Wycliffe Australia](#)

Wycliffe [Australia: 70 Graham Rd, Kangaroo Ground, VIC, 3097](#)

03 9712 2777

info@wycliffe.org.au

finance@wycliffe.org.au