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Hello all,

Tomorrow (Wed May 18) I return to Gulf Province for the first time since late November last year. I think I'm mostly ready to board the plane in the morning... but as I am still working with a certain amount of grief-induced brain-fog, have probably forgotten something. That's okay though, as I have set small goals for this trip, so that I do not push myself too hard in my still-recovering state.

I will stay with my friends at Kapuna hospital from Wednesday to Monday 23. This will be a time of getting practical things like my boat and fuel organised, as well as of conversations and relationship building. My friends at Kapuna are key partners in the work we are doing in Gulf, so it will be good to sit and chat over various things. One topic among many will be the practicalities of the dorm building project for the Oroi'io Madei (Living Word) Training Centre in Ubuo. Pray for us to together discern how we can each best be part of what God is doing in the delta area of Gulf Province, through our different skills and organisations.

On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> I intend to head to my village, Ubuo. On the way I will be dropping my friends and colleagues Hollie and Bonnie off to visit the Gibaio people for a few days. They are visiting to catch up on what translation and literacy work has been happening among the Gibaio in recent years, and to look at how we can best work with them in the future. Pray for them during this visit, that they will have good conversations with the Gibaio, and be able to discern how best we can work together in the future.

At Ubuo I will unpack my house and make it liveable again, and then spend the next week or so working with the Kope translation team. Our big goal is to make the typesetting decisions for printing Luke: choosing pictures, deciding on the number of columns, discussing the font size and type etc. We may also achieve some work on the drafts of Acts and Genesis, or on Kope literacy materials, but typesetting choices are the priority. Pray that I would have a good team of people to work with, as most of the translation committee leaders are currently away in Kerema (Provincial capital) or Port Moresby (PNG capital). Pray for their safe return at the right time.

As I am well aware that this year has flattened me, I am not setting a strict timeline for how long I am in Ubuo, or setting too many goals for work to achieve. Instead, I intend to listen to my energy levels, and assess how well things are going in Ubuo, and then return to Kapuna any time from Sat June 4 to Monday June 13. There are good things I can be doing at Kapuna, but with less pressure, so I will return there when I am ready, and spend up to two weeks there working on various tasks. I am currently booked to return to Ukarumpa on Friday June 17. As I am away, please pray for health, safe travel, and good relationships.

In the last few weeks I have caught up on a number of bits of paperwork, and while there are still many pending, it is satisfying to see progress in various areas. I am thankful for the Ukarumpa community, and that I have been able to call on a variety of people for help with computer programs, navigating paperwork, and for practical things. An exciting development is that we are beginning to form a team of people who will work together on Oral Bible Storying (OBS) in the delta area. Praise God for these people who are excited for this work, and willing to commit to helping make it happen.

Thank you for continuing to journey with me through this personally challenging year, as well as through the practical and discipleship challenges that come with the work of Bible translation.

Blessings, Hanna

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