

# The Journey of Hanna Joy

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## Hello All,

After nine months back in Australia on home assignment (furlough), I am now back in Papua New Guinea, settling back into life here, and getting ready to go back to Gulf Province and the Kope people in late August. As I keep adding things to the to-do list, I am glad I've given myself two months to get organised! Not only is it a long list, but it includes a number of things which take time to happen.

Home assignment is a difficult thing to describe. Much of my time was spent travelling to reconnect with family, friends and supporters. I was privileged to speak at 23 different church or fellowship gatherings, and have a cuppa and chat with countless people. I enjoy talking about what God is doing in PNG, and how I am a part of it, and how you are a part of it through your prayers, gifts and encouragement.

At the same time, I travelled by land from Cairns to Adelaide, flew to Perth and back, and slept in 31 different beds along the way...not including those of the friends I visited in my six-week holiday in Europe for a friend's wedding. I am privileged to be able to travel and share so widely, but it can be tiring too.

Thank you to everyone who welcomed me and looked after me!

One big part of home assignment was teaching at the SILA summer school, Launch, for six weeks, helping to prepare people newly heading into the field of cross cultural work. I enjoyed being part of Launch, and hope to teach with them again in the future.

I was able to do some voyaging on *One & All*, the sailing ship I worked on prior to moving to PNG. It was good to be back at sea, refreshing my sailing skills, and reconnecting with that community.

Having enjoyed time in my Australian home, and with my Australian family and friends, I am also glad to be back in PNG, with these friends, many of whom have become like family to me.



STV One & All. It was good to go back to sea!



Autumn! It had been awhile since I had been through the change of seasons.



View from my Ukarumpa office...not a bad place to do admin!

While in Ukarumpa, I am catching up on the many administration and planning tasks that are part of a Bible translation project, and of working in a remote location. I got behind on many of these before I left on furlough, as I pushed to complete and submit my Master's dissertation. Also, time to listen to my recordings from language class and review my Kope before I'm back in the village is a very good thing.

A new thing that is part of this field term, is that I have been voted on to the Executive Committee (EC) of SIL PNG (the organisation I am seconded to in PNG). This is a whole new world for me, so it will be a steep learning curve, but it will be good to contribute to our organisation in this way. I have a two-year term on EC, which requires being in Ukarumpa (our base) for meetings three times a year. The first of these is August 7-13. Please pray for us as we come together as a new group, and learn what it means to do policy-based governance.

After EC, I will head to Gulf for about six weeks (I'm still organising dates), to resume my work as translation advisor with the Kope people. I've had very little communication with the village while in Australia, so do not know what I will find when I get there. I appreciate your prayers for the Kope translation team, and the community, as well as for me as I try to get back in touch and make plans.

As I travelled Australia and visited many places, congregations, groups and individuals, I was encouraged by how in each place, people are living out their faith in everyday, local, and heart-felt ways. This embodiment of the gospel is also a form of Bible translation, as it takes the Word that you read, ponder, and pray about, and translates it into love for your neighbour. Thank you for being a shining light, wherever you are. Thank you for joining me in shining God's light here, through the ministry of Bible translation.

Blessings,



Things I enjoyed on furlough: lots of chances to go walking on the beach, particularly at sunset. ->



## Dates

**August 7 – 13:** Executive Committee (EC) of SIL PNG meetings

**Late August to early October:** return to Gulf Province

**October 16 – November 6:** Translator Training Workshop (a good professional development opportunity in Ukarumpa)

## Prayer Points

**Praise** for a good and encouraging time in Australia, and for a safe return to Papua New Guinea

**Pray** for a good time of preparation to return to Gulf Province, and the Kope people.

**Pray** for the Kope and Anigibi translation and literacy workers, that people will make the time to meet and work together.

And the Word became  
flesh and lived among  
us, and we have seen  
his glory, the glory as  
of a father's only son,  
full of grace and  
truth.

John 1:14



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