

Prayer and Praise Update—May 2023

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Philippians 4:6 (NLT)

Dear Family and Friends,

Thank you for your many prayers on behalf of our Literacy section. I'd like to share a brief report on some of the Literacy activities going on in Papua New Guinea. Although I haven't been able to be there in person, I have worked closely with the training team and "behind the scenes" as they prepared to go out to run this training course. The Lord answered many prayers as we planned and prepared and as the team ran the course.

Vernacular Path to English Course (VPE) – Ubuo Village, Gulf Province

In early March, the Literacy training team traveled by small airplane and then by boat to Ubuo village where they ran a successful teacher training course. There were 41 Elementary teachers from 9 different language groups. This course trains teachers to teach children to transition from reading and writing in their local language to reading and writing in English. During the course the teachers were also given opportunities to practice and improve their own English skills.



Literacy Trainers:

Samuel, Roland, Wayamo, Abu, Debbie,
Helpers: Annalies (back) and Hanna (right)



Teaching Sessions and Lesson Demonstrations



Group Sessions:
Playing games to practice and improve listening, speaking, reading and writing skills in English.





Planning and preparing materials for teaching practice.



Please pray for Literacy Trainers: Abu, Samuel, Debbie, Roland and Isolde as they prepare for the next VPE course coming up in June. Pray for good health and safety as they travel to Lae by road for the course. Pray that all the details for the teachers attending will work out as well. They need to get permission to be released from their teaching responsibilities in order to attend the course and also receive the funds from their schools to help them pay their course fees.

Please pray for our Literacy section. We are very short-staffed. At the beginning of the year there were five literacy consultants that regularly met and shared the work load. Two of these literacy consultants are finishing their translation programs, one is reading through the draft of their New Testament in preparation for typesetting. The other is getting ready to retire and working on archiving all her language materials. A third consultant is also working in a language program and is having to return to her home country for a couple of months to sort out her retirement. We are thankful that our section coordinator was able to return to PNG in March. However, she also works in a language program and is planning to go to the village after being away from PNG for 7 years. So I will once again be acting section coordinator until August. (If you haven't guessed, I'm the fifth consultant 😊.)



Visit to Alabama—I can see clearly now...

It was good to catch up with Beth and her family, and a few friends during my brief visit to Alabama. While I was there, Beth had her second cataract surgery. Beth can see much better now. Praise God for the successful cataract surgeries she's had on both eyes.



We celebrated Mom's 90th birthday in April. My brother made a guava chiffon cake for dessert. It looked great and was delicious!

In His service with you,

Joy

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