

Praise and Prayer Update—August 2026



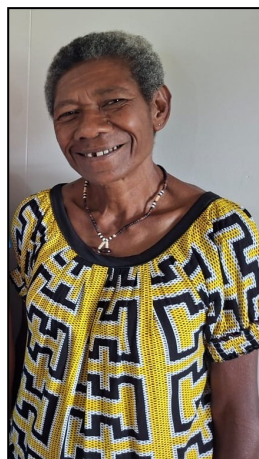
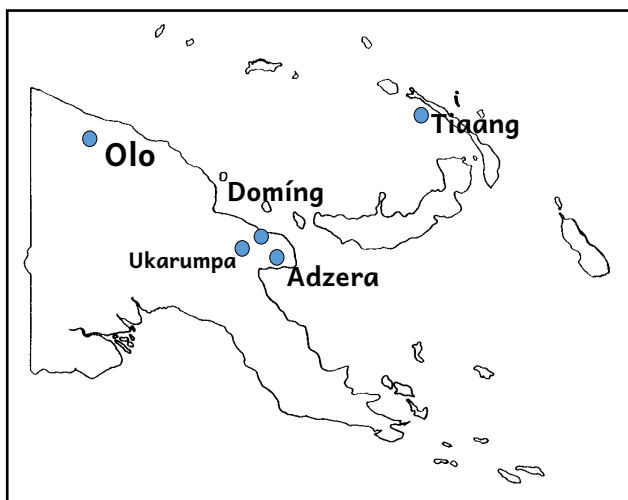
Oh, Lord God, you made the skies and the earth with your very great power. There is nothing too hard for you to do.

Jeremiah 32:17

During the last few months, I have been reminded over and over again of God's goodness and love. God has good plans for his children even when things are difficult or seem impossible. I just need to trust him. He is the great provider and sustainer in and through all things.

Praise the LORD for what he is doing in Papua New Guinea

In the first half of this year, the Literacy trainers ran 3 teacher training courses in three provinces. The first was run in the Adzera language area of Morobe Province, the second took place in the Olo language area of Sandaun Province and the third in the Tiaang language area of New Ireland Province on Djaul Island.



Teacher Trainer: Abu



Teacher Trainer: Wayamo

Of the three courses, travel to and from the Olo course proved to be quite challenging (2 days of travel each way: 3 hour plane ride, 12 hour truck ride, 5 hour uphill hike). We almost cancelled the course, due to airstrip closures and flight cancellations to this very remote location. The Bible translators left the program years ago due to health challenges after the Olo New Testament was dedicated. Since then, the husband passed away and his wife (now 70 yrs old) returned for a short visit to encourage the people in Literacy and Scripture Use. We are so thankful that the Literacy trainers were determined to not cancel the course even with all the travel difficulties. In the end, the Lord provided the transport and kept them safe and gave them a successful course. He has good plans...

After the Olo teacher training course in February, the Olo teachers were inspired to start a pre-school. The first class was successfully completed in July. He has good plans...

We recently received an update to say that the Olo teachers are now preparing for a second-year class to open next year. It is encouraging to hear that the Olo community has taken on the responsibility themselves to support the teachers in this important work. They are building a second classroom, and have also opened another school in a village across the river. He has good plans...



Prayer requests:

- * Please continue to pray for the Olo teachers as they prepare their lessons. May the Lord continue to bless their preparations so that many more children learn to read and write in Olo. The ultimate goal: being able to read and study the Olo New Testament for themselves.
- * We are planning one more teacher training course in October/November in the Domíng language area of Madang Province. Please pray for the preparations for this course as the main teacher trainer has recently retired and her understudy will be taking on the main teaching responsibilities for this course.
- * Papua New Guinea is experiencing drought in several areas of the country. The lack of rain is causing gardens and water sources to dry up. Please pray for rain.

He has good plans.... God is faithful!

In His service with you,

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