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Bless you for praying!

Praise the Lord with us that God provided dozens of different people to come and record the smaller parts for the Kamano Genesis video at the height of the coffee harvest. This is no small praise! That meant leaving their coffee fields during harvest season at a time they were getting GREAT prices for their coffee beans. We nearly sent out another mid-month prayer request because everyone kept saying, "I'll come next week." **The Genesis recording, which started June 16, was completed last Thursday, July 28, a day ahead of schedule. Now comes weeks of final editing.** This Genesis recording gave us the option of also recording sections left out in the video to create an optional audio version, which we hope to also be able to complete during the editing process.

The Kamano Acts video recording was finished in March. Please keep praying that those in authority will quickly come to agreement on a new contract for the Acts video that will allow us to produce this video and get it out to our people.

Thank you for praying for volunteers to record the Agarabi Language NT. The recording is now past the half-way point (132 out of 260 chapters have been recorded). **Keep praying for God to provide volunteers and short-term teams to work on this recording at just the right timing.**

Speaking of recorded New Testaments, this last month God provided a college student (who is looking into missions and came to PNG with a Wycliffe Discovery group) to help. He also distributed 20 of the larger-size Proclaimer group-listening solar powered players to 20 churches in the Ipili language group for one of our Highlands translation teams who was not able to return this year due to health issues. Another Highlands translator, Markus (who has been continuing to work remotely from Switzerland since 2008), returned in April for a few months to follow-up on the Pinai-Hagahai language group. In 2008 he left them with the first five books of the NT and also distributed audio recordings of these books on 300 (of the smaller and cheaper) MegaVoice solar-powered players. Recently, after he returned from a visit to the **Pinai-Hagahai language area, Markus shared with us story after story of revival and families impacted positively with life-changing behaviors!** We are thrilled with the impact these smaller individual units have had over the past few years on this people group. At the same time, we are also getting multiple discouraging reports that the larger and more expensive Proclaimer units made for group listening are only being used as individual units, even though leaders have been instructed to use them as a group tool. **Praise the Lord with us for the awesome report and of lives changed in Pinai-Hagahai, but also pray that we will be able to figure out how to get the Proclaimer players used as intended, for group listening.**

Please pray for Joyce and a national team of three Kamano people (Franky, Yauko and Esther) who are finishing their last week of the Consultant Training Workshop (CTW). We sent a slightly smaller team than planned to this course because the teaching staff decided to include much more (difficult) linguistic training to help the newly trained consultants understand how

different languages work. For the rest of the people we want to train to check Scriptures, we think that we need a course specifically designed to train nationals to check only their own language Scriptures. Joyce and the Kamano trainees will need to continue to do observations and supervised consultant checking to become certified as Consultant Checkers for translated Scriptures, which is a scary step with so much more learning involved yet.

August 17th Joyce and a group of about eight nationals start the Greek 1 course, which goes through September 27. This course will also be very helpful for the consultant-checking trainees. **Pray for us to find creative solutions to get all the people into this course, as the amount of funding required for room and board alone are quite daunting for such a large group. Also pray for stamina for Joyce,** as she has less than two weeks between CTW and the Greek 1 course, which means very long days of classes again with lots of memorization and homework at night, copying off lots of papers again for the nationals (who do not own computers, since nowadays assignments are passed out via thumb drives or CDs).

Christa started her first term of high school (9th grade) last Wednesday, July 20. Pray for good connections for her with both classmates and a new group of teachers with very high expectations. She seems to be handling getting up a lot earlier three mornings a week for marching band (which starts at 7:45 a.m.), and has already memorized one of her eight songs the marching band will perform in September. Her favorite class is Spanish.

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