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the target

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AIMING

to see God's Word hit it's target in the hearts
of the people of Papua New Guinea



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Praises

- That we finished all of Joshua's paperwork on time and returned to Ukarumpa, where we can be settled for a while as a family in one place.
- That the Gospel Recordings materials in Wantoat are selling well and impacting the people.

Prayer Requests

- That Nickson's equipment can be repaired soon, so that we can continue recording several cassettes of Bible stories.
- That Danny's trip to the Wantoat area in October would be safe and that he would have many opportunities to promote the use of Wantoat Scriptures.

Dear Friends and Family,

Welcome to our newly designed prayer letter!

During our recent Wantoat literacy hikes the chairman of the Scripture Use committee saw first-hand the impact of people reading and hearing God's Word in their own language. He said, "Hearing God's Word in a different language is like an arrow that often misses. Hearing it in Wantoat is like an arrow that hits its target!" This struck us as just the right theme for our new prayer letter title. We are excited to partner with you in seeing God's Word hitting the target among the people of Papua New Guinea.

Ukarumpa Happenings

After completing all the necessary paperwork for Joshua's birth certificate, passport and visa, etc. we returned to Ukarumpa, our mission center here in Papua New Guinea. Re-locating our family several times each year is one of the biggest strains to our emotional health on the mission field. This task becomes even more stressful as our family grows! We are grateful to be settled in one place for a while. The medical staff here strongly advise waiting until Joshua is six months old before we take him to a high-risk malaria area, like our village.

We will put our time in Ukarumpa to good use. Already we have been able to catch up on several projects that had been put aside in all the going and coming of recent months. We have also attended a two week furlough workshop to begin preparing for this important time. (Yes, our first furlough will begin next year! More about that below.) In the coming weeks Danny will attend a "Strategic Thinking and Facilitation Skills" workshop. This first-of-its-kind training package will increase our effectiveness in developing the Wantoat ministry. It will also sharpen Danny's skills for a new task he has recently been asked to take on. He is part of a group that will help the organization consider how to more strategically engage the Papua New Guinea churches in the work of Bible Translation. The group will present the results of their research at the organization's biennial conference next March. At the end of this month Danny will make a solo trip to the Wantoat area to attend a district-wide church meeting and check up on the distribution of recently produced Wantoat Scripture Use materials.

Gospel Recordings Impacting the Wantoat People

In May we partnered with Nickson Soal of Gospel Recordings to produce a collection of Wantoat worship songs. In August Nickson visited the Wantoat area again to distribute the new cassettes and also begin recording a series of Bible stories. Unfortunately, during the recording process a faulty village generator caused serious damage to Nickson's expensive recording equipment. He is still trying to get it repaired. The good news is that since Nickson left, our village brother, Mutnam, has continued to promote the available materials. We talk with Mutnam regularly on the two-way radio, and he reports that many of the materials have already been sold! When Danny travels to the area he hopes to re-supply Mutnam with more cassettes. The district church conference hosted in Wantoat will also be a great public relations opportunity for promoting these mother-tongue Scriptures.

Furlough Next Year

In June of next year we will have been on the field for 4 ½ years. At that time we plan to begin our first home-assignment. We will provide more details later. However, we are planning that our main times for visiting in churches will be from August to December 2007. If you have a special event during that time that you would like us to share in, please let us know. We can't make any promises about our schedule at this point, but any information you would like to share would be helpful as we begin to plan.

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Wantoat church leaders listening to the Gospel Recording cassettes.



Prayer Card Our last prayer card is out of date, since it has no children in it! We hope the enclosed card will give you a better picture of what our family looks like today and remind you to pray for us and the ministry you share with us among the Wantoat people.

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