

# Danny & Becca DeLoach **HITTING** the target JANUARY 2007

## AIMING

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

**W**hen Danny first came to Papua New Guinea in 1995 he served among the Folopa people for three years. Neil and Carol Anderson are the Wycliffe missionaries who translated the Folopa New Testament. Danny served as an intern in the program, conducting literacy projects, doing computer training and filling various needs that came up. This was a great time of learning and developing lasting relationships. The Andersons and the Folopa translation team have now completed the Folopa New Testament!!! Many of you who prayed for Danny and supported him through those early years have a direct hand in bringing the Folopa New Testament into existence! January 15–17 our family attended the dedication of the Folopa

### Praises

- The Folopa New Testament is completed! The Folopa people now have God's precious Word in their own language!
- We are excited to return to our village home as a family and continue working with the Wantoat church to see them actively engage with God's Word.
- Furlough is coming soon, and we can't wait to see many of you again!

### Prayer Requests

- Please pray that the Folopa people will enthusiastically read and listen to the newly available Scripture in their language, so that it will bear much fruit in their lives.
- Please pray for God's strength to accomplish His goals among the Wantoat people as we try to finish well before furlough.
- Please pray for wisdom as we make many arrangements for furlough.

New Testament. It was an awesome time of singing, dancing and giving praise to God for His goodness and faithfulness. We feel so much that you are united together with us as a team in this ministry. It is during events like the Folopa New Testament dedication that we wish you could be here to enjoy with us the fruits of our ministry together.

### Village Goals

Joshua is now old enough to be released by our medical clinic for clearance for our family to return to the village. We are ready and excited to do as much as possible among the Wantoat people before our upcoming furlough. We'll be in our village home from the end of January through the beginning of March.

## God Speaks Folopa!





The primary goals for this time are to continue the transfer literacy courses that we began last year and follow-up on the continued development of audio Bible stories. One concern we have is that it sounds like there is still strife and division among the local church in our village. Our village family has shared tidbits with us over the radio, but they said they can share more once we arrive in the village. In March we'll return to Ukarumpa, our mission center, for our bi-ennial branch conference. This will be a significant time for electing branch leadership and developing ministry strategy. Danny hopes to be able to present information about issues and trends related to Scripture Use. After conference we'll make one more trip to the village to wrap things up before furlough. The main goal for our last visit will be to meet with the Wantoat church leaders to help insure they feel ready to carry on as much of the ministry as possible while we are away. It is our desire that this will be a catalyst for them to take on more "ownership" of the program.

## **Furlough Plans**

On May 31st we will begin our first furlough! We are so excited to see our family again and visit as many of you as possible. There will be three primary goals for our furlough: A) rest and refreshment after 4 ½ years on the field, B) renew relationships with family, friends and supporters and C) further education for our ministry. The fall of this year (i.e. August through December 2007) will be dedicated primarily to visiting churches and ministry partners. We plan to put together more specific travel plans in the coming months. For most of the year 2008 we will be living in Dallas, Texas attending classes at the Graduate Institute of Applied Linguistics (GIAL). This is Wycliffe's main training school, where we met during previous pre-field training! Both of us are nearly finished with the courses we need to obtain a Masters degree in Scripture Use. There is a time limit on finishing the courses. If we don't complete the coursework on this furlough, we would basically have to start all over again with classes to obtain the degree in the future. That is why we are making such a big push to finish the classes at this time. These are courses that will directly benefit our ministry in Papua New Guinea, and we have the blessing and encouragement of our supervisors to pursue this



training. We plan to return to Papua New Guinea in January 2009 and continue our Scripture Use ministry among the Wantoat people.

## **Kids Korner**

Anna turns three years old on February 11th. She is rapidly growing from a toddler into a "little girl". Her ability to communicate and express herself seems to expand by the day. She can't wait to see her Wantoat friends again. Almost daily she has been saying, "When are we going back to the village?" The other day she gathered up some empty boxes lying around and started putting some of her belongings in them. She said, "I'm packing for the village." Joshua turned six months old on January 10th. He is growing fast. His weight and length are the same as Anna's were when she was 11 months old. He is still full of smiles, although he gets frustrated sometimes because he is just on the verge of learning how to sit up.

We love each of you. We covet your prayers and we are deeply grateful for your partnership that makes this ministry possible.

In Christ,

***Danny, Becca, Anna and Joshua***



Folopa dancers celebrating God's Word in their own language!

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