

Danny & Becca DeLoach **HITTING** the target SEPTEMBER 2008

AIMING

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

5,000 MILES Around the Midwest

We are so grateful to the Lord for His faithfulness as we traveled to visit ministry partners in the Midwest this summer. We drove through seven states (AR, IL, IA, WI, OH, KY and TN) covering almost 5,000 miles and sleeping in 22 different beds. We loved renewing relationships and building new ones. It was very encouraging to see people's positive reaction to hearing about what God is doing through His Word in Papua New Guinea (PNG). It was also a tremendous blessing to see the many ways our friends and supporters are ministering so effectively in their own sphere of influence. Before we started the trip, we asked you to pray that Anna



Wading through a sea of corn.

and Joshua would adjust to the many new faces and places that they would see. God answered your prayers abundantly! Thank you to all of you who went out of your way to make them feel special and plan things that they would enjoy.

It was also fun seeing the children experience many parts of American culture that they never would have otherwise. They toured a farm in Iowa (complete with climbing into the combine and running through corn fields); in Arkansas they each caught their first fish and ate their first S'mores; and while we were in Kentucky they had a great time catching fireflies! Another highlight of the trip was seeing much of Becca's side of the family in Wisconsin. This was the last time we'll see them before we leave for PNG early next year, and we treasured every moment together. And in the middle of all these events Joshua turned two years old on July 10! Please visit our website for newly posted pictures from the summer travel.

9,000 MILES Across the Pacific Ocean

Scripture Use Strategies Course

A few days after returning from our road trip through the Midwest, Danny hopped on a jet plane and flew to Papua New Guinea, where he spent almost four weeks. The outcomes of the trip exceeded our expectations! The primary purpose of the visit was to assist in teaching a Scripture Use Strategies course. It was an intense time of focusing on the key factors that promote or hinder the use of mother-tongue Bible translations. It was exciting to teach and share and discuss many of the ideas that Danny has been learning about in his classes. Wayne and Sally Dye, the Scripture Use teachers at GIAL where we have been studying, mentored Danny and other PNG missionaries as they prepared lessons. This was a unique, wonderful opportunity to take many of the general Scripture Use principles and apply them to the specific context of PNG. Danny learned many insights from Wayne and Sally that would not have normally come out in our classes at GIAL.

Visit to Wantoat

While Danny was in Papua New Guinea he was able to make a brief visit to Wantoat. The circumstances of the visit were truly miraculous. At first it appeared impossible to fly to the area, because the grass on the airstrip was, once again, overgrown. Yet, at the last minute Danny found out about a helicopter flight that would be flying near the area, which would allow him a few hours on the ground in Wantoat. He had a very positive and encouraging meeting with the church leaders. Unfortunately, he heard that the "cargo movement" in the village where we normally live is still continuing. Furthermore, Danny discovered that one of the key Christian leaders in the area, a man named Bange, has been seriously debilitated with a stroke. It was a very emotional and



Visiting Wantoat church leaders.

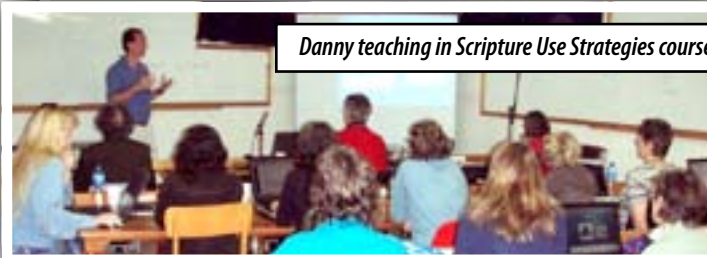
spiritually significant event that Danny could visit with him and pray with him. Bange is a central figure in the Wantoat church, and in particular he is from our village where he plays a pivotal role in guiding the errant cargo movement members back toward Biblical truth. We are fervently praying for his healing.



ONE: Hanging out on the shore of Lake Michigan. **TWO:** Anna's first fish!
THREE: Tractor tires sure are big. **FOUR:** Joshua turned two!

Exciting Opportunities Ahead

Another outcome of the trip is that it has reignited our excitement about returning to Papua New Guinea and getting involved with some of the new things that are happening with Scripture Use there! While Danny was in PNG he saw a growing interest in this topic. There are expanding



Danny teaching in Scripture Use Strategies course.

opportunities to train both expatriate missionaries and Papua New Guinean Bible translators, through one-on-one consulting, seminars and workshops. There may even be opportunities to train colleagues in other parts of the Pacific. God's Word is powerful, and its impact can not be contained! More and more people are enthused about learning new ways to see Scriptures used in mother-tongue communities. We can't wait to get back and be a part of what God is doing!

Two More Classes and a BIG Test

Now Danny is in the middle of his last two courses. After they finish he will have a few weeks to study for a comprehensive exam he will take at the end of November to complete his degree.

If we didn't get to see YOU...

We would love to have visited many more of you on this furlough. Unfortunately, Danny's school schedule prevented that. The next best thing to a personal visit is a DVD that a friend produced for us, which vividly depicts our ministry in PNG. If you would like a copy of it to enjoy yourself or share with your church, please let us know.

See **WEBSITE**
for family and ministry
pictures from this Summer
www.deloach.info

Praises:

- God's protection as we traveled this summer and his grace to allow us to renew relationships with so many ministry partners and family members.
- The results of Danny's trip to PNG, which both equipped fellow missionaries and excited us about what God is doing through Scripture Use in PNG.
- That God protected our family while Danny was away and He gave Becca the grace, stamina and love to be the true hero in our family during that time.

Prayer Requests:

- Please pray for Bange. We do not understand why the Lord is allowing him to suffer this way. Please pray for his healing and for his faith to remain strong during this trial.
- Please pray for Danny as he concentrates on finishing his classes and for Becca as she focuses on providing a stable, nurturing environment for Anna and Joshua, while also getting us ready to head back overseas.
- Please pray for our family as a whole, that we would grow in our love for the Lord and for each other so that we become more and more characterized by His presence among us.

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