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THANK YOU



When we were home on furlough we mentioned that we needed a car and over the past months many of you have generously given so that we could purchase one. We are excited and thankful to have a vehicle that will not only make it easier for Jim to get to the airfield when he needs to be there at unusual hours, but it will allow us to travel to the coast from time to time for short holidays. It is a Nissan Patrol - but it reminds us quite a bit of the Bronco Jim had back in Utah. It's a big sturdy truck with 4WD and quite perfect for our rough roads. Thank you so very much for your part in this wonderful provision for our lives and work.



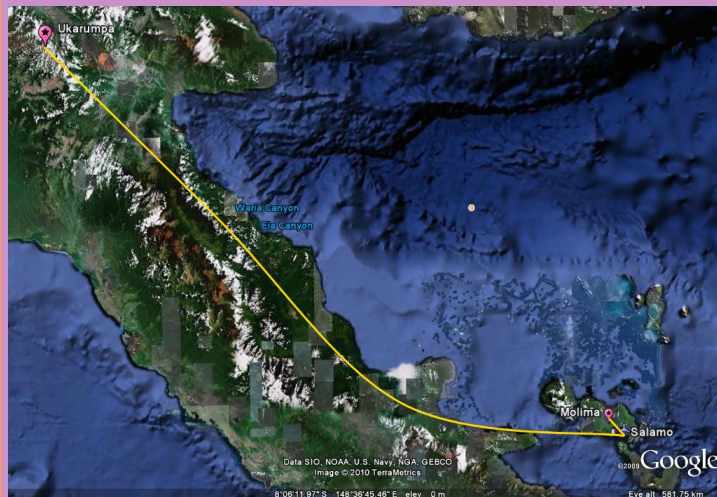
MEGAVOICE IN MOLIMA

We are excited to be helping the translation team working with the Molima people of PNG. Leif and Helena Engkvist from Sweden have become dear friends. The Molima New Testament is now completed and will be dedicated on July 27th. The people will be receiving the written Word of God in their language but they will also be receiving the Scriptures orally on the MegaVoice.



The MegaVoice is a solar-powered, digital audio Bible player. MegaVoices were created after years of prayer and perseverance by MegaVoice founders Tom Treseder and Ken Crowell. It began with a 5 seconds of playback of Scripture in 1989 but now can hold an entire New Testament and more. The MegaVoice provides oral cultures with the ability to hear the Scripture in their heart language. They are being used listened to by people all over the world.

Our assistance started with Jim helping to edit some of the recorded files. Then taking 160 of the 350 MegaVoice units, we began the task of charging each one for 8 hours. After the units were fully charged we then removed the access covers and then began loading them with the Molima New Testament. Each MegaVoice was attached to the Scribe (loading device) and the file loaded. This took about 7 minutes each and then the covers replaced.



We are looking forward to attending the Dedication where both the written Word and oral Word will be given to the Molima people. Please pray for all the details as well as the many people traveling to and from Dedication.

AXELSON UPDATE

JULY 4TH—UKARUMPA STYLE

Have some steel wool to bring to make a sparkler? Not sure what you need or how to put together a sparkler holder?

All you need is some tie wire and some thin rope or heavy string. The tie wire is for holding the steel wool in the fire and while it spins and burns, and the rope/string is for spinning it around. So the rope needs to be light, thin, and flexible for spinning easily, but strong enough that it won't snap as you spin it. The tie wire needs to be heavy enough that it will not melt in the fire or straighten out and release the steel wool while it is spinning. If it's stiff enough to hold the bend, it should be fine. If you don't have tie wire, a metal coat hanger should work fine. If you don't have anything to use, bring some steel wool anyway, and you can use someone else's holder.



Take a piece of tie wire about a foot long or so and attach it securely to a piece of rope a few feet long. It needs to be attached securely enough that it will not come apart when spun around. The other end of the wire is wrapped securely around the middle of a wad of steel wool. Then it's ready to use.

Then all you have to do is hold the steel wool in the fire until some of the outer strands start to glow. Take it a safe distance from the crowd and spin it vertically so that the sparks fly in a vertical rather than horizontal plane, making sure that no sparks are flying toward any bystanders. Hint: It's a good idea to wear a baseball cap, as occasionally hot sparks can land on the spinner's head. To avoid the occasional spark on bare arms, long sleeves can also help.

When the wool is all burned up and the sparks have finished flying, securely fasten a new piece of steel wool onto the wire and you're ready to go again.

FAMILY NEWS

Jim — continues as the aviation manager in the midst of many changes in the department.

Michele — continues her work in the international project office and as the Executive Committee Secretary.

David - completed his second term at GIAL pursuing his master's degree in linguistics. This summer he is going on a mission trip to Jamaica as a youth leader

Rachel— completed her sophomore year at Carson-Newman and is taking summer classes. She also plans to attend the Army air assault school.

Michele's Parents and brother— Michele's mom has faced severe health challenges following a fall which has been difficult for both of her parents. Her brother, Dan, is also facing serious health issues. We are seeking God's mercy and healing for them.

PRAISES & PRAYER REQUESTS



Praises

- Faithful partners
- Privilege of serving God in PNG
- David's safe and fruitful mission trip to Jamaica .

Prayer Requests

- Strength to accomplish the task God has given us.
- Rachel's busy summer taking classes and air assault school.
- David 's application process with Wycliffe
- Healing and grace for Michele's parents and brother

VALLEY UPDATE

The peace process in our valley is still ongoing. Two weeks ago fighting between two villages resulted in each group mourning a death. Recently both sides have brought broken spears and arrows to the church leaders in a bid for peace. There remain some elements committed to fighting, but at least efforts are being made to stop it all. Once again, the church finds itself playing peacemaker.

The valley churches and pastors are consistently preaching this message: "God's work for all of PNG happens in this valley, and this fight is just the Enemy trying to disrupt that work." Please pray for the local churches, pastors and our Church Engagement team as they attempt to encourage the local church population to participate in the work of Bible Translation nationwide. This weekend there is an outreach planned to many of the local area churches to spread this message and many of our members will be going throughout the valley to share in this ministry.

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