



STEGEMA^PNG^GNEWSLETTER

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Friends,

We pray that you are well and that you are holding firm to those New Year's resolutions! Hannah has resolved to drink more tea in 2016 and seems to be going strong. ©Here's some news we would like to share with you all.

Ray & Dee

We Are Moving

For many months, my siblings and I have known that our mother's income was decreasing. Ever since Ray and I came to PNG in 2010, my mother has lived in a lovely private care residence in Boulder, CO, with other people who also have memory issues. She has come now to the point where she can no longer afford to remain there and will need to move to a residence that will accept payment through Medicaid. She has been well-cared for and much-loved where she currently lives and we would like that to continue after she moves, so ... **Ray and I will be moving to the US in mid-March** to help with the move and my mother's transition. Our plan is to stay in the US, near my mother, until the Lord takes her to His House to live. For many years, my other siblings have loved and looked out for our mother, and now it is my turn ... and my honor.

We Are NOT Leaving Wycliffe Bible Translators

There are still millions of people in the world who do not have access to the life-giving Word of God in their heart language. But, in PNG, there ARE people who desire to translate God's Word into their own languages, but they need quality training. Our hearts are still very much committed to the work of Bible translation, so ... **we will be transitioning to a "remote assignment" status with Wycliffe.** Currently, Ray's work in PNG is two-fold. One facet of his job is linguistic in nature. He consults with translators as they work to clearly and comprehensively describe the languages they are analyzing. This he can do in the US via email and Skype. The other facet of his job is in teaching Papua New Guineans who have the desire to translate into their own mother tongues. They come to Ukarumpa to our Training Center for various courses designed to help them become better linguists and translators. Lord willing, Ray will return to PNG periodically to teach some of these courses. My mother's care will be my full-time focus. Obviously, this is uncharted territory for us. We will be starting from scratch. We do NOT know many details, and in our human nature, we are prone to worry—primarily, how will we ever be able to make ends meet in a place like Boulder, CO on our PNG cost of living budget? Our confidence is in this: we DO know the One who knows EVERYTHING and He is fully trustworthy. "The One who calls you is faithful, and He will do it." (1 Thess. 5:24)

Would you please pray for my mother and for us as we make this move?

