

Ray is in PNG - enjoying paradise!

Hi, all!

I just wanted to share a few pictures with you and tell you that the first course I'm teaching here in PNG has gotten off to a wonderful start. We have close to 30 participants (some are not able to attend every day) from 10-13 languages (depending on how you divide up dialects). Please be praying for Jerry & Sue Pfaff, fellow Wycliffe missionaries, and Charles Kowak, a Papua New Guinean, who are helping all of the teams as mentors, along with me. In Ukarumpa, we usually have a mentor assigned to each language group that attends, so as mentors at this course, we are feeling over-stretched. 😊 But happily so, so that these wonderful people can have the linguistic training they need (and desire) to be better translators for their own people. It's really inspiring to see them so excited about learning!

I'll be here on Manus Island until 15 September and then fly to "the mainland" of PNG, to the city of Lae, where I'll spend Independence weekend (happy 42nd birthday, PNG!!), and then take a PMV (Public Motor Vehicle – a minibus) up to Ukarumpa on the 18th. I'm looking forward to seeing some old friends as well as meeting new ones. Ukarumpa usually gets a new influx of people 3 times a year.

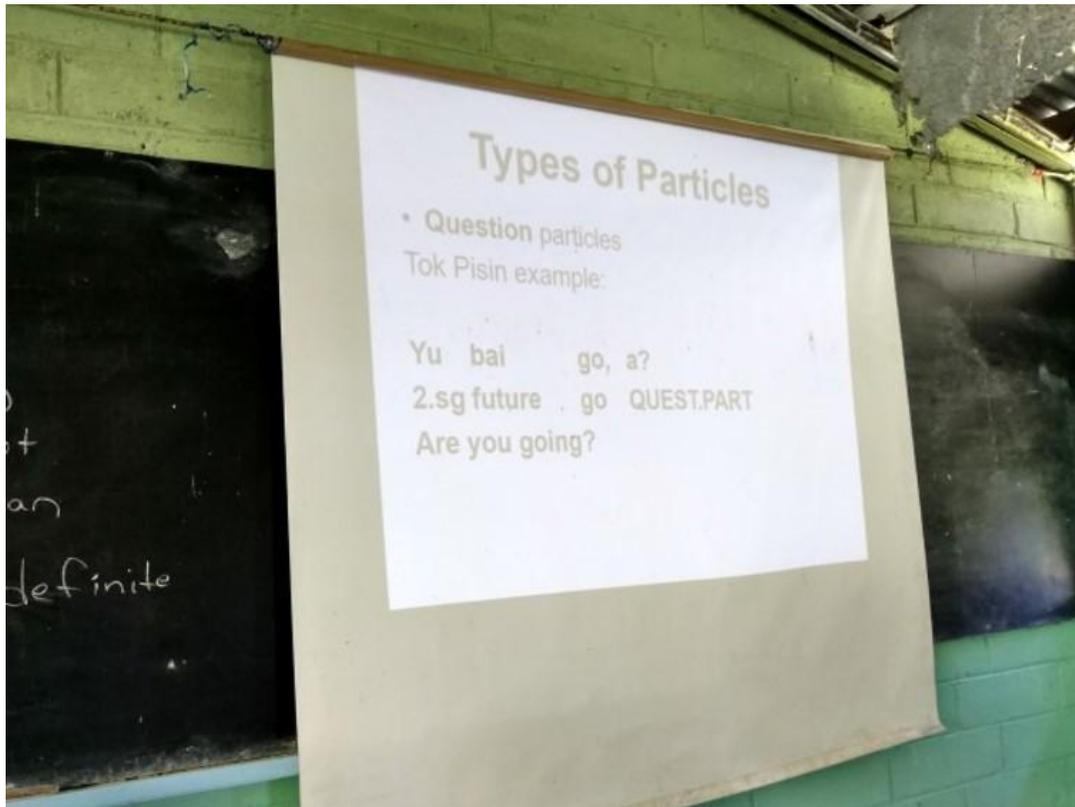
Thanks for your continued prayers as we persevere in the intense heat and humidity here – very different from the cooler Highlands of Ukarumpa. We feel blessed to represent you as we serve! Thanks for being our partners in serving mother tongue translators.

Ray

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! 1 John 3:1



Our humble classroom has lots of needed ventilation



We have a projector and a blackboard.



This is the view from the porch where we live. Can you see the ocean horizon between the trees?



Hardship duty. . . 😊