

Dear friends at Pleasant View Church,

Thank you so much for the gifts you sent our way these last few months. Your support is instrumental in helping me get over here and continue in my work – assuring that more mother-tongue translators get the training they need to give their own people God’s Word in clear, accurate and natural “tokples” – that’s the trade language for “the talk of their place.”

We’re in the middle of our Discover Your Language course, and for a number of reasons, only one team is able to attend this course, this time. We wish there could’ve been more translation teams getting this training, but at the same time, we’re using newly revised material, so it may be just as well that we have fewer students. 😊 The three that we have are very enthusiastic and seem to be good learners. We’d appreciate your prayers for Noel, Simon and Nosingke, translators for the Domung people. They’ve completed drafting the gospel of Mark, and they’re excited to continue with translating the New Testament after getting the training we offer. The course finishes on 1 November, and I start to head home to Colorado on 6 Nov.

On another note, this was in last month’s prayer calendar that Wycliffe PNG circulates among its colleagues:

“Pray for the Yamap team as they work on all four gospels. Praise that translator Isaac (a PNG national) led a team on a 15-day trek to twelve Yamap villages to help them learn to read and use their Scriptures.”

You probably won’t remember, but I went to the Yamap language area a few years ago, to help them with an alphabet development workshop. It was an awesome adventure, and the people seemed really keen to have the Scriptures in their language. And now, they do – AND there are local people willing and able to help them learn to use the Scriptures that are already in print. Praise God! 😊

The picture I’m sharing is of our daughter Hannah’s husband, Gurana’s family – his parents (his dad, on the right, is currently practicing dentistry here at the Wycliffe center), Gurana’s brother, on the left, and his two daughters. They were able to visit for supper, before the course started. They live here on the center, as long as Gurana’s dad is working here. He hopes to open his own private practice in his home town, sometime soon. Gurana’s brother also works in the telephone department here on the center. His two daughters go to the MK school here, just like Gurana did, from the third grade on through 12th grade.



Well, thanks again for your partnership in this important work.

Blessings, in Christ,

Ray & Dee Stegeman

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