

STEGEMA NOEL LETTER

Ukarumpa



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Poinsettias here are taller than we are!

Dear ones,

The Christmas story. It is wonderful, mysterious, hard-to-grasp, and beyond-the-scope-of-our-normal-reasoning. But when I got it, when I came to fully understand the purpose and implications of it, it changed everything. I can never see life in the same light again. And I want everyone to have the opportunity to hear it, read it, and ponder it as well.

Our Ukarumpa community celebrates the International Day of the Bible in November by highlighting all the Scripture publications in PNG that have been completed and distributed in the previous 12 months – in written, audio and video formats. Here's a picture of that celebration last month. It was indeed a joyous day – over 30 publications in all.



Hannah and Gurana and baby Raube are settling in to their new life in Guam. They have been reunited with their dogs and have a house about 5 minutes from the Navy base and about a 30-minute drive from the US Navy hospital where Hannah will work. Raube is now almost 4 months old and made the move quite well. We enjoy seeing him on Skype and listening to him coo and giggle. It's great to have them in our same time zone. Their new contact information is:

for packages—
 USNH Guam ED
 Hannah Tuma'e
 PSC 455 box 9058
 FPO AP 96540

for letters—
 3 Mt Alutom St
 Santa Rita, GUAM 96915
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 (671) 864 3909




We are excited about a non-profit that Luke and some of his college friends have founded to help the elderly in Costa Rica. It's called FSEVI. Their desire is to reclaim the way society used to interact with the elderly in times past, creating intergenerational programs to help meet the needs of a community. Luke is the Director of Design Development, and you can see Luke in FSEVI's video at this site:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6wujX1_StRo&feature=emb_share
 Fundación Si Es Vida Intemacional
 Their next (second) trip to Costa Rica is the second week of March.





Thank you for walking through this past year with us. Your prayers, your encouragement and your correspondence have kept us going. Please know that we pray for you, too.

And this Christmas, may your celebration be bigger and deeper than awesome Christmas decorations, wonderful Christmas food, and cool Christmas gifts. May you glory in the real glory of this season. And may you always be blown away by the stunning list of glories that have been showered down on you because of the amazing goodness of God.

Ray & Dee 

Here's a link to a Christmas song I just recently heard. I wanted to share it with you. I'm not thrilled with the video, so perhaps just close your eyes and listen to the lyrics. ☺ Enjoy.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TY5Jj-EHAAk>

John 1:14 in Tok Pisin, one of the trade languages of PNG:

“Tok em i bin kamap man, na em i kam i stap namel long mipela. Mipela i lukim pinis bikpela namba na strong bilong em. Em i namba bilong dispela wanpela Pikinini tasol, Papa i salim em i kam. Marimari na pasin i tru i pulap long em.”

(For those of you who are able, try reading this as if it were Spanish and you'll hear some familiar English words!)

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