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**'In Him are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.'** Colossians 2:3

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**Back in North Carolina**

I am home in NC after almost six weeks in Papua New Guinea. This newsletter has both information and pictures from my time there.

**Wycliffe/SIL Service in Papua New Guinea**

PNG is one of the largest Wycliffe and SIL locations in the world, and our organization has been working there for over 50 years. More than six hundred expatriates serve there – from 15 countries around the world. PNG has over 850 different language groups, and Bible translation has been completed in 175 of them. But even though work is in progress in 50 to 75 additional languages, there are still more than 300 languages that don't even have John 3:16. More translators are greatly needed. PNG is also one of the places where there are many health issues (malaria, infections, etc.), and other difficulties.



◀ *These are the persons who assisted me with everything that was done in PNG. We are at the Ukarumpa Guest House, where I treated them to a thank-you meal.*

*Around the Circle: Konni Logan, Deborah Bryant, Susan Howard, David Howard, Paul Bowers, Jonathan Federwitz, and Steven Ttopogogo. Sandra and Bill Callister and Marcia Jones also assisted, but weren't able to be with us.*

▶ *The group who participated in the Life Passages and the Missionary Experience retreat.*



**My Arrival**

This was my fourth trip to PNG – but it had been seven years since I facilitated training there. Because of the Japan earthquake, and to be sure that no nuclear radioactive waste plumes had hit PNG, my leaving date was postponed a week. I flew from Charlotte to IL, and enjoyed a few days in Wheaton with my daughter Carolyn and her family on my way out of the U.S. I arrived in Port Moresby, the capital of PNG, on Sunday, April 17th, and after spending the night there, I was flown in one of the small JAARS planes up to Ukarumpa in the Highlands (our headquarters location).



▶ *Papua New Guineans in their special outfits at a local celebration.*

**My Schedule**

After 34 hours in transit, I was somewhat tired ☺, but began meetings right away and various sessions four days later. The first was the Monthly Morning Prayer for both expatriates and Papua New Guineans. We used Scripture verses and issues from my topic *Prayer Areas*, and had both the English version and a translation into the national language, Tok Pisin.

Over 175 attended (which is typical for the monthly prayer time). The other sessions were the usual (and various) size groups. The schedule included four prayer topics (*Spiritual Inventory, Personal Worship, Finding A Rhythm of Rest, and Our Time of Need*); the retreat *Life Passages and the Missionary Experience*; a seminar for those who were, or planning to be, leaders: *Jesus, The Servant Leader*; the cross-cultural teambuilding session *Person to Person*; and two academic workshops: *Teaching/Training Adults* and *Teaching/Training Across Cultures*. Pictures of many of these are included.



▶ *A wonderful group of a mixture of expatriates and Papua New Guineans took the Person to Person teambuilding workshop.*

▶ *Jonathan Federwitz, a pilot at PNG who went through my earlier training, facilitated The Servant Leader. The group was primarily Papua New Guineans.*



▶ *A group at one of the prayer days (facilitated by Deborah Bryant standing at the left). She had gone through my training earlier.*

**Would You Like A Copy of Our Time of Need?**

Each time I send out a newsletter, I suggest an updated prayer topic that is available if you would like to have a copy. This issue I am offering *Our Time of Need*. Possible areas of need are listed, with scriptures and thought questions for your reflection and prayer. If you want an electronic copy, please contact Leslie House ([lalhouse@bellsouth.net](mailto:lalhouse@bellsouth.net)). If you want a paper copy, send a note to my address that's on the back of the newsletter, or call me at one of the listed numbers.

**My Upcoming Trip to India**

On the first of July I will leave for India – my fourth time there. Although Christians are only eight percent of the population, that's approximately 35 million – and there are 97 Indian Christian organizations. I will be working with the CEOs and other leaders of many of these Indian Christian organizations for six weeks at MUT (Missionary Upholders Trust) in the southern part of the country at ODC (Oddanchatram) near the state of Kerala. A number of Indians who attended some of the workshops and seminars I facilitated there in November 2009 will be on staff.

▶ *A picture taken on my last trip to India. I'll be there again in July and August.*



**From the Wycliffe 'Prayer Focus' Bulletin**

Translation of the Psalms is underway in Papua New Guinea. Pray for Wopa Eka as he continues to translate the Psalms into West Kewa. Wopa has reported that Psalms 1-80 are completed so far. There is tribal unrest in their area. Pray for safety and God's peace so that the translation can go forward.

Digital publishing: Global. Digital publishing is a great way to distribute translated scriptures in language communities where access is difficult. Mobile phones are becoming commonplace in even very remote communities. These phones can be used to download and share text, audio and video materials. Praise God for several agencies and many IT specialists who are setting up websites and adapting scripture for electronic transmission. Pray for more people to join these teams. Pray that God will guide them into creative ways to design the websites and effective methods for drawing site visitors into deeper engagement with God's Word.



**In Joy I Serve Him,**

*Evelyn* ☺

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*As I leave Ukarumpa  
the end of May, I'm  
boarding the little  
JAARS plane that  
will take me to Port  
Moresby to connect  
with an international  
flight to Australia,  
and then back  
to the U.S.*