

# Matzke Messenger

Tim & Martha Matzke  
supporting Bible translation in the  
Solomon Islands

We have completed our first three months serving as directors of our group in the Solomon Islands. Our days have been full as we try to balance our various responsibilities.

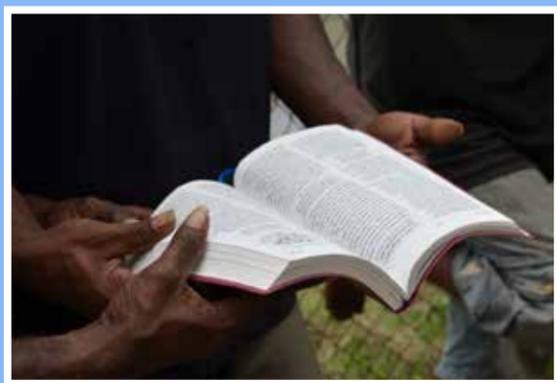
Tim continues to work on the multi-lingual education project. One of the big jobs has been preparing story books and teacher manuals in the two target languages for the kindergarten children to learn to read. Here Tim is working with an artist who is illustrating the stories. Once funding is released from the Solomon Islands Government, Tim will head out to the provinces to train the teachers who will be teaching the materials.



We serve in the Solomon Islands under the Solomon Islands Christian Association (SICA). Recently we attended the SICA Annual General Meeting to report to the churches on the work we are doing in the country. We are thankful for the support we enjoy from this body.



Martha recently spent a couple of days completing import documents for the Kwaio New Testaments. This is Ilyn, our office assistant, and Kwaio is her mother language. Her face says it all - God's Word is now available in her language! We are looking forward to traveling to the island of Malaita to attend the launch of this New Testament on Easter weekend.



## Family News:

Both girls were able to join us for Christmas; Emily from the USA and Sarah from Papua New Guinea. We had good family times and Emily was able to reconnect with friends.

Sarah is back at school in Papua New Guinea and has landed a lead role in the school play (*The Importance of being Ernest*).

Emily is in the USA and is looking for a job. She would like to go back to school and get a degree in education. *Please pray that she would be able to find a job and a way to go back to school.*



## USA Trip:

We are scheduled to attend orientation for new directors at our international offices in Dallas in mid June. Since that is also when Sarah her summer vacation, she will travel back to the USA with us. We are thankful for enough frequent flyer points to get Sarah to the USA and back.

Since Sarah will be going into her her senior year, we will be making college visits to help guide her decision-making. An additional bonus is the opportunity of a summer internship in the law office of a friend in Dallas. Sarah is considering a career in law and this will give her a chance to earn some money and learn more about being a lawyer.

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