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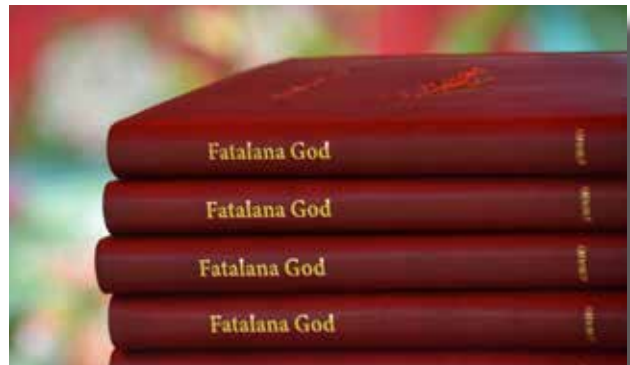


**The Kwaio
People have
God's Word!**
April 19, 2014

Easter weekend we had the privilege of attending the dedication of the Kwaio New Testament. It was a wonderful reminder of why we do the work we do. We first met translation advisor, Julie Pierce, when she came to the Solomon Islands on a summer missions trip in 2003. She came back to serve as a translator and later married Andy Pierce. It was a blessing to share this historic day with the translation team, the Kwaio people and the Pierce family.

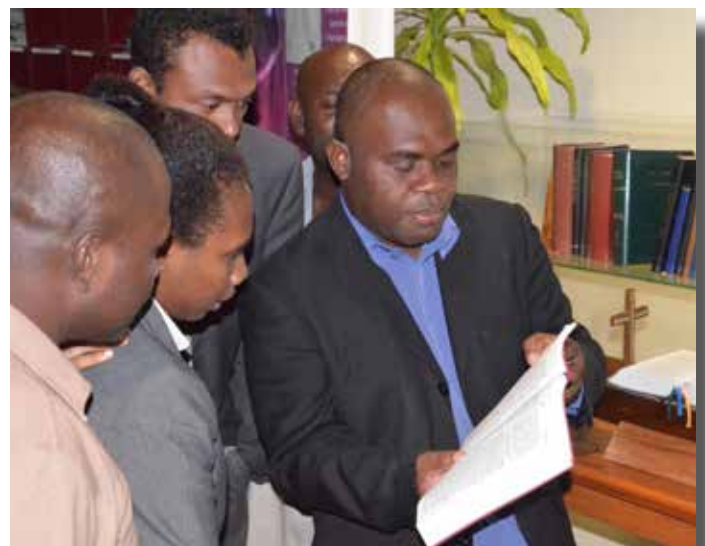


After the dedication program, the New Testaments were available for sale. About 400 copies were purchased that day. One woman who purchased a New Testament remarked, "Now it will be hard to go to the garden and work. We will want to stay home and read our Bibles!"



The week before the dedication, a special program was held to place a copy of the Kwaio New Testament in the Bible display at Solomon Islands National Parliament. The Prime Minister, Speaker of Parliament and Members of Parliament were in attendance as this important occasion was marked. A passage from the Kwaio New Testament was read and prayer was given in Kwaio. It was moving to see national leaders recognize this milestone for the Kwaio people and the nation.

Wilson, the man holding the Bible, is a [Kwaio](#) speaker who works at Parliament. When he heard the Scripture read that morning in the halls of Parliament, it moved him to tears. He has expressed interest in becoming involved in the translation of the Old Testament. That's the power of God's Word at work!



A New Day for Arosi Speaking Kids

The day after we returned from the Kwaio dedication, Tim headed to Makira Province to hold a teacher training workshop for Prep Class (kindergarten) teachers in four schools. This workshop equipped teachers to begin teaching their students to read and write in the Arosi language.

On the last day of the training, the teachers practiced their new skills by teaching a lesson to some of the local students. During the practice session, one of the teachers exclaimed, "It works! They are beginning to read!"



It's exciting to see this pilot program move ahead. Things are moving more slowly in the second language in the project, Sa'a. Please pray that a qualified teacher can be found to supervise the Sa'a language program so it can also move ahead.

In both languages there are still materials to be produced for this school year as well as the first grade curriculum and materials for next year. Pray for wisdom for Tim as he works with the teachers and program coordinators to move this important project ahead.

Heading to the USA

Mid June - We meet up with Sarah in Australia before flying to Dallas for Director Orientation. We are looking forward to spending time with Emily while we are in Dallas.

We will spend the first week visiting college campuses with Sarah before we go attend week-long meetings. Sarah has a summer job lined in the law office of a friend in Dallas. She will stay there while Tim and Martha do come traveling.

On the itinerary are visits to [Wycliffe](#) headquarters in Orlando and our [JAARS](#) Center in Waxhaw, NC. The Solomon Islands Ambassador and his wife have accepted an invitation to visit JAARS and we will help host them for a couple of days.

Tim will return to the Solomons first and Martha will stay in Dallas with Sarah until it's time for Sarah to head back to Papua New Guinea for her senior year in high school.



Praise and Prayer Points:

- *Praise for the Kwaio New Testament*
- *Pray for the multi-lingual education program and the work that needs to be done*
- *We are short staffed in our office. Pray that help can be found to get us through the rest of this year.*
- *Pray for Sarah as she makes decisions about college and choice of major.*
- *Pray for Emily who is working hard to save money to go back to school.*

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