

# Matzke Messenger

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## Reading, Writing and Arithmetic

With a stack of newly printed reading books in the Sa'a Language, Tim left for South Malaita where he trained kindergarten level teachers how to teach children in the Sa'a Language. The workshop went very well and 12 teachers were trained. We are grateful to see this next stage of development in the multi-lingual education program move ahead.

Meanwhile, we are hearing good reports from the schools in the Arosi language area. The children have only been using this new program a few months, but already they are learning to read well and as new books are introduced, they are eager to get their hands on them. In addition to the reading, the students are learning to write stories.

One parent told the program supervisor, "At first I objected to this program, but now that I understand what it is, I totally support it!"

In one classroom a teacher was absent and the head teacher stepped in to take her place for the day. He was writing on the chalkboard when the children interrupted him saying - "No, you spelled it wrong!" They were right! Learning to read in their own language will give their education a sound foundation for future learning.

Part of the curriculum includes the kids learning Arosi Bible verses. The coordinator of the Arosi program also wants to develop Bible story materials. And it won't be long before they can start reading the Arosi Scriptures!



*A student's first attempt at writing in Arosi. The teacher rewrote the sentence at the bottom of the page.*



## Summer 2014

It was great to be in the USA for meetings and to be able to catch up with Emily and Sarah. While in the USA, we visited several colleges including John Brown University in Siloam Springs, AR. Sarah has decided to attend this small Christian liberal arts school. We all think this is a good fit for her. ***Sarah has been accepted to JBU! Pray for her as she applies for scholarships.***



Unfortunately, Tim had to return early to the Solomon Islands when a crisis situation arose. The situation has stabilized some, but we appreciate your prayers for difficult issues between our group and some local Bible translators who have chosen to start another Bible translation organization. We are saddened by the broken relationships and interruption to the work here. It has been a challenge. ***Please pray for reconciliation and reuniting.***



Before Tim returned to the Solomons, Emily, Tim and Martha attended a Rangers baseball game.

## Packing Our Bags Again

In October, we are heading to Bangkok to attend meetings with colleagues from around the world who are serving in leadership positions. While in Bangkok, we will take a few days for routine medical tests for Tim and a bit of a holiday. We are looking forward to the break.

***Please pray that things will go well with our group in the Solomons while we are gone so we can enjoy the time away to become refreshed and rejuvenated.***



### Meet Ilyn, our Office Administrative Assistant

This smiling face greets us each morning in the office. Ilyn is not just a great bookkeeper, she is willing to help wherever she can. She is a trusted employee and advises us on personnel issues with our employees and handles visa applications for expatriates serving with our group.

In October she is going to Australia for a two month English Immersion course. We will miss her at the office, but we are excited with her for this opportunity to improve English and have a bit of an adventure. ***Pray for the man who will serve as Ilyn's substitute while she is gone.***



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