

Matzke's Missionary Journeys September - December 2015

Since mid October, Tim hasn't been in one location for more than five days at a time. It's been a crazy time but we are grateful for many things he has been able to do.

early September - from the USA to Bangkok to attend a workshop in multi-lingual education and then on to the Solomon Islands

Martha went to Germany en route to the Solomons to visit Wycliffe Germany.

October 14 - 19- a visit to Makira Province to tour schools in the multi-lingual education program

October 23- Nov 1- trip to Dallas to attend International Literacy Meetings and a chance to see Emily and make a quick visit to see Sarah at John Brown University

3-8 November - Vanuatu to attend a regional education conference

13-17 November - Malaita Province to tour schools in the multi-lingual education program

Martha to Dallas and on to Arkansas to pick up Sarah for her Thanksgiving school break

22 - 26 November - attended an international education conference in Auckland, NZ

26 November - back to the USA on Thanksgiving night- We celebrated Thanksgiving in Arkansas as a family on Friday.

We have spent time traveling in the USA - trips to Albuquerque, to Arkansas, and then back Dallas before we heading north to spend Christmas and New Year's with family.

Tim flies back to the Solomon Islands on January 17 and Martha on the 21st.

Emily and Sarah Update

Emily is a full-time student at Tarrant County Community College while continuing to serve in the Army Reserves.

Sarah is enjoying John Brown University where she is studying History and Political Science.

Merry Christmas!

This year has been a full one with lots of activities and travel and we are grateful to be able to spend Christmas with the girls and with our extended families. We will return to the Solomon Islands in late January.

Thank you for your prayers and support and we wish you and yours a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.

*Tim and Martha
Christmas 2015*



An Electrical Engineer, a Pastor and New Direction

In November, an audio Scripture recording workshop was held in Honiara. Oliver, the young man above, was invited to attend the training. Workshop participants were required to visit our offices before the workshop with their pastor.

Oliver and his pastor sat in my office and we discussed Bible translation and Scripture recordings. It was fun to play the Christmas story in the pastor's language on my cell phone and show him the New Testament in Cheke Holo. The pastor told us he was pleased to release Oliver for the training and to be involved in the ministry of the production of Scripture recordings.

After Oliver completed a degree in electrical engineering, several years ago, he returned to the Solomon Islands and tried several different jobs, but did not enjoy them. After this workshop, Oliver sent this message to our colleague;

Good afternoon Cynthia...I believe this is God's calling upon my life for this ministry...to be an instrument for his Work here in the Solomons full time no matter what it takes..and I'm willing to sacrifice for his will...I'll come tomorrow at 9:00 am to start with the editings...God bless...

It's exciting to see God leading Solomon Islanders like Oliver into ministry with the support of the local church. Thank God for Oliver and pray for wisdom as we help him move forward in his new calling!

Moving Ahead in Multi-Lingual Education



It's fun to see the creative teaching aids the teachers make out of local materials, like this diorama of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden.

The 2015 school year has ended, and with it the first year of the multi-lingual education program for prep (kindergarten) kids in two language groups. Tim made tours of the 8 schools that are involved in the project and found mixed results in the two language groups, but overall things are going well. Next year more schools will be added to the program in the two languages. In addition, community awareness and materials development will begin in two more languages. We are excited to see things move ahead as the children learn to read and write in their own language.

When visiting the schools, Tim witnessed teachers using the New Testaments in the two language groups for discussion and Scripture memorization.



Margaret, pictured above producing reading books in the Arosi language, is one of our oldest friends in the Solomon Islands. We helped train her as a literacy teacher and later she received further training in Papua New Guinea. She has worked for several non-profit organizations but for the past couple of years has worked with Tim in the multi-lingual education program. Recently, Margaret was hired to be the National Coordinator for the Multi-lingual Education Program. It's great to be working closely again with this gifted teacher and talented woman!



Tim regularly meets with administrators in the Ministry of Education about the multi-lingual education program. Gulian is the Chief Education Officer of Primary Education and a strong advocate for multi-lingual education.

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