

Matzke Messenger

September 2016

Timothy & Martha Matzke
serving in the
Solomon Islands with



On our way to the office each day, we see groups of students like these smiling girls, walking to school.



School Tour - Tim

Tim and a visiting colleague, Jan, went to Makira Island to visit the schools in the multi-lingual education program. It was good to get a chance to see how the kids and teachers were doing.

The program has been moving slower than expected this year due to some funding challenges, but in spite of that, kids are learning how to read and write in the Arosi language and teachers and parents are very happy. ***Pray that this strategic program can receive the funding it needs so that it will move ahead well.***

Meetings and Kangaroos - Martha

In July, Martha travelled to Melbourne, Australia to attend meetings of a consortium of mission organizations who share the goal eliminating Bible poverty around the Pacific. The next meeting will be held here in the Solomon Islands, so it was good to be there so we can better prepare for them.

It was a blessing to;

- have 10 days away from the office
- catch up with former colleagues
- enjoy cool weather - it was winter in Australia
- see lots of kangaroos! The meetings were held at Wycliffe Australia's headquarters in 'Kangaroo Ground'.



A Prayer Request:

At the end of the year, we are hoping to take a much needed break outside of the Solomon Islands.

We are looking for:

- *something affordable*
- *a place to ourselves*
- *a cooler climate*
- *a place where we can take walks, read books, take naps and use speedy internet!*

New Zealand is our first option and we would appreciate prayers that God would open doors to just the right place where we can recharge our depleted 'batteries' and prepare for the new year.



Sarah's Summer on Mackinac Island

We are grateful God opened doors for Sarah to spend the summer on Mackinac Island in northern Michigan doing an internship at the Art Museum and working in the State Park. She was also a part of a ministry team focused on reaching out and sharing Christ to other summer workers on the island.

Sarah made some new friends, enjoyed biking around the beautiful island and had a good experience. Thank you for praying for Sarah!

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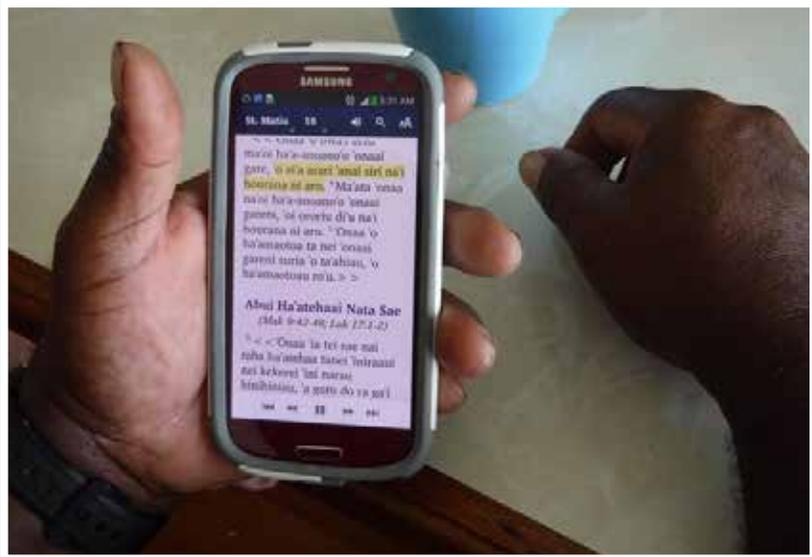
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Technology and God's Word

Cell phones are making it easier to give people access to the Scriptures in their own language. This phone app allows readers to read the text and listen to it at the same time. The part that is being read is highlighted. What a wonderful tool for sharing God's Word!

Recently our group purchased two 'Bible Boxes'. People can connect wirelessly to the unit with their smart phones and download Scriptures in print, audio and video forms free of charge. The 'Bible Boxes' will be housed in two Bible bookstores in town and we hope many people will take advantage of the opportunity to download files.

Update on Emily

Emily's Army Reserve Unit is disbanding. She is in the process of transferring to another unit and is applying for training for a different military job as well. Please pray that the paperwork goes through smoothly and she lands a good position.

Praise with us that she has found full-time employment. With regular paychecks again she will also be looking for housing.

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