

Matzke Messenger

October 2011 Update on the ministry of Tim & Martha Matzke

The record-breaking hot days of summer have given way to a picture perfect fall. Our days are busy and full, and **we are thankful for God's goodness** in this season.

Tim is spending his days in the SIL International Literacy and Education Office, a short distance from our house. Much of his time is spent on various projects, correspondence, and attending meetings with other administrators.

On September 8th, Tim and his colleagues in the office, celebrated **International Literacy Day** by setting up a display in the office lobby. As students and others wandered by, they were reminded that literacy is the key that enables people around the world to access God's Word.



On that same day in Washington, DC, **a new literacy website** was officially launched. Tim has been a part of the team that has put this important resource tool on the internet. A simple, straightforward website, it contains rich resources that will be invaluable to educators, governments and teachers around the world. The **streamlined site** will provide **easy access in places where the internet is slow and expensive.**

Here's what people are saying about this new website:

From an SIL colleague in the field:

I'm very excited about this new resource! It looks like a great "one stop" site to get a lot of helpful information specific to our field.

From a national colleague:

This is very helpful for [those] who are working on Mother Tongue Based Multilingual Education.

From an SIL colleague in Africa:

I like the MLE (Multilingual education) website, and am anxious to see even more resources there.

From an educator in the Philippines:

I must say that this site will be a big help here as we are prepare[ing] to have Multilingual education for all Grade 1 next year.

You can check out the website here: www.mlenetwork.org

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New Chapters in the Life of Our Family



In July 2012, The Festival of Pacific Arts will be held in the capital city of Honiara in the Solomon Islands. Once every four years countries around the Pacific send delegations to this big event.

With so many people from across the Pacific in one place, it would be an ideal place to share the story of Bible translation in the Pacific. Martha is working with colleagues who are experts in ethnoarts, storytelling and other creative expressions that would provide an opportunity to showcase Biblical arts. She is enjoying working on this special project and looking forward to making a trip to the Solomons in July for the festival.

Another project she has been working on is a website for showcasing our work in languages around the Pacific. You can see this website (which is still in progress at: www.silpacific.org)

Emily is now living in Denton, about an hour north of Dallas, where she is attending the **University of North Texas**. She was accepted into the ROTC program at the university and is taking a leadership course, along with physical training from 6-7:00 am four mornings a week. She has found Christian fellowship and is enjoying her new life.

Sarah is off to a great start in high school. Being in two of the top choirs is quite an honor and she is enjoying the challenge of the **high musical standards**. Her choir will travel to Washington, DC for a choir competition over spring break, so she is busy earning money through housecleaning and babysitting jobs.

Upcoming Events on our Calendar:

Oct. 21-23 - Missions at the Airport; Moriarty, NM

Oct. 26 - Missions at the Airport; Dish, TX

Oct. 28-30 - Missions at the Airport; Dallas, TX

Thanksgiving - Minnesota to help celebrate Tim's parent's 50th Wedding Anniversary

(Missions at the Airport is an event sponsored by JAARS - providing support for Bible translation through aviation and technology.)

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