

In West Timor I learned the local greeting - rubbing noses. This new friend is named Martha.

Matzke Messenger

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The Peripatetic Life

In response to a recent Facebook post about my current destination, a friend commented, "You are very peripatetic." I'll admit I had to look the word up, but once I read the definition, I had to agree. For the past few months, Tim and I have lead peripatetic lives.

Peripatetic Martha:

September: West Timor, Indonesia

"Prayer Convergence" to better equip me to write effective prayer requests which Wycliffe distributes around the world.

As SIL Pacific Area communications coordinator, West Timor is part of my 'beat'. After the workshop, I was able to spend three days learning more about what is happening in there Bible translation. Click [here](#) to see a story I wrote when I was in West Timor.

October: USA

Meetings in Dallas to work with colleagues to make plans to improve the Pacific presence on the internet. And in Orlando to meet with colleagues from around the world to discuss new communications strategies.

Peripatetic Tim:

September: Makira Province, Malaita Province

Tim lead two writers' workshops for teachers in the two target languages for the MLE (Multilingual Education) pilot program. Many stories were written and illustrations drawn. The stories will be made into storybooks in preparation for the beginning of the 2014 school year.

Tim is attending the **4th International Conference on Language and Education** in Bangkok, Thailand, with a colleague from the Solomon Islands Ministry of Education. The conference will help provide an opportunity to hear experts in education from around the world and interact with those involved in multi-lingual education in other countries.

*****November 14, we will both be back in the Solomon Islands TOGETHER!**

A New Direction:

Our director in the Solomon Islands has recently stepped down from his role, leaving a need for a new director. With an immediate need and Tim's previous experience as director, he was a natural choice. However, the group recognizes the strategic importance of Tim's role in the multilingual education project and wants him to be able to continue in that project. So we have been asked, and agreed, to share the role as co-directors. This will enable us both to continue serving in literacy/education and communications, while serving our Solomons Group in this vital role.

There are many challenges facing our group at the moment and we appreciate your prayers as we take on this new role. Pray for wisdom as we try to balance our assignments and wisdom in leading the Bible translation work in the Solomon Islands.

Family Update



Emily has been working as a security guard. Once a weekend she serves with her Army Reserves Unit. It looks like her unit will be deployed in 2014, and she is waiting to see if she will be a part of that. We are working on finding tickets for Emily to come to the Solomons for Christmas.

Sarah has settled well into her life in Papua New Guinea. We are looking forward to her coming back to the Solomons for a month for Christmas break. Please pray for her as will be the first time she travels by herself internationally. (She leaves Ukarumpa on Dec. 18 and arrives on Dec. 20th.)



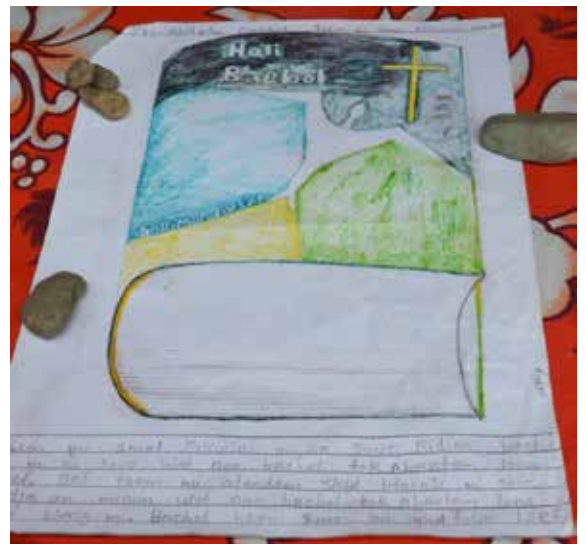
We enjoyed attending festivities for International Literacy Day in Honiara. Stories written by adult literacy students were on display and this one written by a inmate at the prison caught my eye. The drawing is of the Pijin Bible and the inmate wrote:

“Taem mi smol pikinini mi no save ridim baebol an mi no save wat nao baebol tok aboatem long laef. Bat taem mi atendem skul litrasi mi save ridim an minim wat nao baebol tok abaotem long laef blong mi. Baebol hemi som mi gudfala laef.”

“When I was a small child, I didn’t read the Bible and didn’t know what the Bible said about life. But after attending literacy classes, I could read and understand what the Bible says about my life. The Bible teaches me the right way to live.”

The Pijin Bible was launched in 2008, and already a third printing is underway. Praise God that this Bible is continuing to have an impact.

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