

# Matzke Mission

Serving the Solomon Islands



Tim & Martha Matzke - February 2020



## Mission (mostly) Accomplished!

Tim returned safe and sound from the Solomon Islands. We are grateful for traveling mercies and luggage that arrived in (relatively) good shape!

In our last letter, we asked you to pray for:

- **our group conference** - Conference went well and Martha was also able to participate in some sessions 'virtually' via Zoom. Once she was even able to listen in through her phone while driving down the highway!
- **fruitful meetings with the leadership in the Ministry of Education regarding the future of the multilingual education program** - Tim was not actually able to meet with any of the senior leadership team, because they were in strategic planning meetings. He was able to meet with our Solomon Islands colleague, Margaret, who shared more exciting stories about the good results of the multilingual education program. Tim and Margaret were able to talk about the future of the program and what should happen next. Margaret is well respected in the ministry and we know she will represent the program well. In the meantime, we wait and pray.
- **clarity regarding our return to the Solomons** - While we don't yet know all of the specifics, we are feeling more confident that the timing is right for our return overseas mid 2020.
- **renters for our house** - There has been some interest in our house, but no renters have yet been found. This is a continued prayer request.
- **Uneventful time for Martha** - There was only a minor plumbing issue that was successfully resolved with a plunger! 😊

Thanks for praying for us!

## Progress!

We are grateful for some of our current partnership team who have increased giving to our ministry and the addition of new ministry partners!

Currently, our monthly pledges are \$400 short of the budget Wycliffe has set for us. We are grateful for upcoming opportunities to share our ministry; in a church, with a group of ministers, a Bible study, and a church missions committee. Will you pray with us that God will lay it on the hearts of his people to become involved as ministry partners?

If you are interested in learning more about how you can join our team, email us or go to [www.wycliffe.org/partner/matzke](http://www.wycliffe.org/partner/matzke)

## Special Friends

It was encouraging for Tim to meet up with some of our dear Solomon Islands friends on this trip. It's a blessing to know that we are missed and our friends are pleased to hear we are planning on returning.

On the right is our good friend Priscilla, whom we helped get started in literacy education. She started out as a home economics teacher and now she is the director of the Literacy Association of the Solomon Islands. Tim was able to take over a study Bible to her daughter, Martha (yes, a namesake) for her birthday.



Lucy and John Wano attend our church in the Solomons and are dear friends as well. Martha has a special relationship with their daughter, Junija. When she was about 5 years old, Junija started telling her family that her name was Junija Martha. Last year she was baptized, and she chose Martha as her official baptized name. Tim carried over a study Bible for her as well (and a cake pan for Lucy who has a home cake-baking business!).

## Prayer & Praise

- We thank God for Tim's good trip to the Solomons.
- Pray the Ministry of Education makes decisions which will help move the multilingual education program forward.
- Pray for the details surrounding our return to the Solomon Islands and how we can best be of service.
- Pray for renters for our house in the Solomon Islands.
- We thank God for bringing us closer to full financial support. Pray the remaining \$475/month comes in soon.

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