

Matzke Messenger

November 2024

GETTING OUT OF “Dodge”

Life in the provinces - the real Solomons!

We spend most of our time in Honiara, the capital city of Solomon Islands. When we have opportunity, we very much enjoy getting out of town to visit the provinces where most Solomon Islanders live. Recently we had opportunities to do just that.



WAIROKAI VILLAGE MALAITA

When Roxanne said she needed to make a quick trip out to Marahu Village, I invited myself to go along. Roxanne and her husband, Ron, have lived there off and on for many years to support Bible translation in Are'are.



CONSTANCE

Years ago, this joyful woman prayed her husband, Nelson, would leave his teaching position and join the Are'are Bible translation ministry. He resigned from his job and joined the translate team. As he translated the Word of God, it changed his life in a powerful way. Nelson passed way a few years ago, but the work he did remains.



KWAIO LITERACY

Martha visited a literacy program in Malaita where 5 year olds are learning to read and write in Kwaio. This teacher was doing a great job, and with a bit of coaching from Martha, she was able to move the kids along more effectively. This little girl wrote her first story in Kwaio. And as you can see, teacher and student were very pleased!

[Video: A Frist Writing Experience](#)



**ARULIGO
WEST GUADALCANAL**

[Video: A New Poleo Reader](#)

In early 2022, Tim worked with a local community to develop a reading primer for the Poleo language. Later that year, Tim conducted a workshop to train teachers to use the primer. A young teacher named Esther, was one of the teachers trained. In October, we had the opportunity to see her at work. Her supportive father had built a makeshift classroom. She gathered supplies and has been teaching the children. Esther is doing an excellent job teaching and the kids are becoming confident readers.

We had the pleasure of sharing some copies of the newly released book of Jonah in Poleo with the children. It was so fun to see kids pick up the Scripture and be able to read it!

PRAISE & PRAYER

- Praise for the successful literacy programs that are continuing.
- We are waiting for funding for a multilingual education program for Makira Province. Pray this strategic initiative can move ahead
- Pray we can sell our car before we leave.



2022-2032 | INTERNATIONAL DECADE OF
Indigenous Languages

We are excited about an upcoming celebration of the International Decade of Indigenous Languages that our organization will be co-hosting with Solomon Islands National University in February. There is a lot of planning that needs to go into preparing for this event. Please pray that the planning committee can meet soon so preparations can be made in a timely way.

USA BOUND!

We will be in the USA November 7, 2024 - January 12, 2025 for a break over the holidays. We are looking forward to seeing family and friends. Our normal home assignment is scheduled in late 2025 and we expect to do more traveling to visit supporting churches at that time. This past year has been quite stressful and we are feeling a need for rest.

Thank you for your partnership!

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