

# Matzke Messenger

## Switching Gears and Looking Ahead

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### **‘Home Assignment’ coming to a Close**

Our time in the USA is quickly coming to a close. The last few months have been busy with such things as;

- an 8 week road trip which included:
  - spending time with family
  - visiting supporting churches and making presentations
  - visiting with our financial partners
- medical appointments; dental, medical checks, eye treatment
- learning; online courses
- Working with a mentor, Martha has completed qualifications as a Literacy Consultant

We are grateful for time with family and for refreshment, encouragement and availability of good medical care.

Now we are in the process of gearing up for our departure for Solomon Islands on February 2<sup>nd</sup> (arriving Feb. 4th). While we don't look forward to the final push and long travel, it will be good to 'get home' and settle back into our house and ministry that awaits us.

### **A Long Awaited Dream**

For more than 20 years, Tim has been advocating for mother-tongue-based multilingual education for Solomon Islands schools. Working with the Solomon Islands Ministry of Education more than 10 years ago, he helped launch a very successful pilot program in 2 language communities. For a variety of reasons, support for that program was dropped and nothing has been done to revive it.

However, this year, the government has included a restart in the budget! We are grateful for this development. Pray it can be implemented well.



# Q&A

*Inquiring minds have been asking questions about our future. Maybe you have been wondering, too!*

## **Do you have plans for retirement?**

*We do plan on retiring, but we aren't sure when that will happen. Martha is 66 and Tim is a spry 63.*

*We have been blessed with good health and we want to continue to serve in the Solomon Islands and provide support for literacy efforts while continuing to invest in training and equipping others.*

## **Will you retire in the Solomon Islands?**

*As much as we love the Solomons, we will want to be close to family in the USA in retirement.*

## **What will you be doing when you return to the Solomons in February?**

*Given the opportunity, we would be honored to help implement multilingual education in schools. (Please be praying that will happen!)*

*In addition, we have agreed to assist the Bauro translation team on a plan for literacy. Another opportunity is the possible development of a preschool curriculum and literacy program for Roviana speakers.*

## **How is your financial Support?**

*We are grateful for the wonderful support team we have who faithfully pray and give. If you are interested in giving toward our ministry, follow the information in the box to the right.*



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