



# *Borchard Prayer Letter*

Papua New Guinea

December 2018 - January 2019

Dear Prayer Partners,

## *Looking Ahead To 2019*

As 2018 comes to an end I am thinking about plans for 2019, and beyond. More than once I have included this quote in my prayer letter: "In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps" (Proverbs 16:9 NIV) so I know that my/our plans are just that, plans. We cannot make our plans happen. Only the Lord knows what will happen next year and in the years after that. So, we hold our plans lightly, knowing that they may not happen as we hope. I remember one year when "Plan A" only lasted until the middle of January!

My plan for 2019 includes two trips to Papua New Guinea. I have not yet decided the timing of those visits. When I am in PNG I plan to work with Mandita and Margret to get the Ipili translation of Ruth and the first eight chapters of Exodus ready to be checked by a consultant, with a goal of doing the consultant check during the second visit next year. During the rest of the year we will be working separately on these portions of Scripture as well as moving ahead on more of Exodus.

## *Trips Planned To The Ipili Area During 2019*



Pastor Mandita, Margret, and Ipili support person Terry Cirre, are planning to make a Scripture use trip to the Ipili area, probably during the month of February. They plan to make the trip in my truck this time instead of flying. This will make it easier to get around the area for showing the Ipili videos, and selling DVDs and audio Scriptures. ***Please ask the Lord to guide them as they plan for this trip.***

This picture, taken with Mandita's phone, shows him with a man who works at the gold mine in the Ipili area. They were attending a meeting where the Ipili translation work was discussed.

Mandita and Margret plan to make additional trips out to the Ipili area to test portions of the translation with Ipili speakers. They will also use that time to sell DVDs and audio Scriptures. When they are out there they want to work on building awareness about the translation among the Ipili

Christians. We hope this will lead to people supporting the work financially. It is Margret's desire to share with younger people about the translation which may lead more young Christians to become involved in the work.

## *Pray For Peace In the Ipili Area*

As I write this letter Mandita is out in the Ipili area testing the translation of the Ipili book of Ruth. He is also fixing up a house to use as a translation office, and as a place to stay when he is there. In a phone call to Terry Cirre he said that there was quite a bit of fighting going on out there. It sounded like he said that many people had died, but we are not sure because the phone connection was not good. ***Please pray for peace, and pray that people would stop turning to fighting to get their way. Pray for church leaders as they work for peace.***

### *Looking A Bit Farther Into The Future*

I am starting to think about retiring around June 2021, about two and a half years from now. Maybe the Lord will lead me to continue working after that, but at this point this is my plan. I'm hoping that we in the Ipili team will be able to finish up Ruth, Exodus, and Daniel by then. That will be quite a challenge but if that is what the Lord wants it will happen.

Some of the Ipili Christians would like to continue with more translation, but to do that they will need someone else to come along side them to do the work that I have been doing. They will also need more Ipili young people to work on the translation. ***Please pray!***

Your Partner in Bible Translation,

*Janet*

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