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BIBLE TRANSLATION

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COUNTRY
Papua New Guinea

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POPULATION
40,000

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Thank you for bringing God's Word to the highlands of Papua New Guinea (PNG)!

To date PNG has been marginally affected by COVID-19, but local and worldwide health precautions impacted the Ipili translation team. U.S. based advisor Janet Borchard postponed her scheduled PNG trip. Online communication was and continues to be difficult. Despite these challenges, the team edited and reviewed Ruth and portions of Exodus.

Translator Pastor Mandita Kunama made the nine hour drive from his home near the Ukarumpa Linguistic Center to the Ipili area to continue construction on a house/office. Once completed, the office will serve as headquarters for outreach to the Ipili community as Pastor Mandita encourages growing interest in literacy as well as participation in the translation project.

“Long term plans are uncertain,” says Janet. “But even if we are unable to set up the technology to have frequent team meetings, there is plenty of work for us to do individually—advisor checking, edits and back translation. We do what the Lord puts before us each day!”



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PROGRESS

- Edits and checking in Exodus 15-34.
- Explored ways to maintain long-distance communication.

GOALS

- Prepare Ruth and Exodus 1-5 for audio recording.
- Complete construction on the house/office.

PRAYERS

- Pray that COVID-19 does not spread further in PNG.
- Pray that the Ipili area office will be completed soon.
- Pray that the team will be able to meet on a regular basis.

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