



Borchard Prayer Letter

Papua New Guinea

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Dear Friends,

This is an update on what I wrote in my February prayer letter.

I asked you to pray that Mandita would stay healthy. I'm happy to say that it seems that he has been in pretty good health in the recent months.

I asked you to pray that Terry and Cyndi Cirre would be able to return to Papua New Guinea. Thankfully they returned to PNG in early June for a two-month stay. This enabled them to help with wrapping up the Ipili work.



Terry, Mandita, & Timoti with audio players

Trial copies of Ipili Genesis and a booklet containing the first five chapters of Ipili Exodus were typeset and printed. Mandita also requested that we print some copies of the Lutheran liturgy and catechism, and we were able to have that done. Mandita and his son Timoti traveled from the Ipili area to the translation center at Ukarumpa to take all the printed books and booklets to the Ipili area. We also bought some more audio Bible players and SD cards for them to take. Thank you for praying! Now everything is in the Ipili area.

My involvement with the Ipili language project finished at the end

of July. During August I will just need to do a couple of reports, and after that, I will be completely retired.

This is my last Borchard Prayer Letter. Recently I was thinking about what a privilege it has been for me to be involved in Bible translation work! Most of the time I just thought of it as the job I was doing, but, it has truly been a privilege that the Lord called me to do this important work. Not many Christians have had that opportunity. And the Lord gave you the opportunity to be partners in this work. Your prayers and



Cyndi, Mandita, Timoti, Terry

your contributions to Lutheran Bible Translators made it possible for this work to be done. Thank you so much!!

As the days and years go by in the future let's not forget about Pastor Mandita Kunum and the rest of the Ipili people. Ask the Lord to guide them as they continue to share His Word with their people in their own language. Remember, it is the Lord's work, and He will work His will in the lives of the Ipili people.

In June Sarah Esala of Lutheran Bible Translators visited PNG and was able to meet Mandita.

Donations to Lutheran Bible Translators for the Borchard ministry will only be accepted until the end of August, and after that, you



Sarah meeting Mandita

will need to designate another LBT ministry. Undesignated donations will go to the Waria Bible Translation Program.

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A Note from Sarah Esala, Regional Director for PNG: If you're receiving this letter, you probably have been connected to Janet's Bible translation ministry for years. I am thrilled to share that in June the Evangelical Lutheran Church of PNG decided to take up Bible translation as a ministry of their church. It was exciting to see leaders from the Waria Multi-Language Project lead this initiative. There are hundreds of languages that still need translation in provinces where the Lutheran Church is strong. The Church's involvement is strategic and will help Bible translation move forward in a timely manner to meet their needs. Pray for wisdom in this new endeavor and that God would bless the efforts of Bible Translation organizations to strategically work together.



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