



In recent weeks, Papua New Guinea has experienced natural disasters. Our Waria River Cluster Project Translators were caught in the thick of it. The Zia language group had such extensive flooding that all gardens were destroyed. In PNG, people in the villages live on subsistence farming. If the crops are washed out, there is no food for that season. But the women's group from Zia communities living in the city of Lae, an urban center down the coast, are trying to do some fundraising to get some rice, noodles, and tin fish to send back to the Zia villages. These donations are taken via boat on the ocean and then upriver to reach the villages because there are no roads to these areas.



Steve Ttopoqogo-LBT (second from the right) and his team traveled up the Waria River in the Morobe Province to visit the Qaire, Paiawa, Numbami, and Mawae languages. This survey was to see if there was interest in starting up translation projects. The Waria River is flooded higher than they have seen in over a decade so this survey trip was covered in prayer. The team could see that the river had changed from a winding river to a straight river cutting through the landscape. As they reached the various villages, there was a positive response! The Mawae language area was a ½ day travel further up the Waria River, and this trip had not been done by Steve or his team ever before. They began their travel and had to turn back as the boat was having difficulty with the current eating up gas energy, and they could not carry enough gas for the journey up and back down the river. On the way back downriver, the team visited our current translators in the Yekora Language.



I have been speaking at churches, mostly in MN, almost every week this spring. I had the privilege of attending three LWML Conventions in June with my LBT co-workers Jim and Susan Kaiser.

Researching and purchasing Laptops and Solar Kits has been my main focus these past months. Our teams rely on computers, and the computers need power. We have only been working with the Waria Multi-Language Projects since 2023 and getting them set up with what they need is still in progress. Choosing the right solar set up for the exact amount of equipment that needs power is complicated. Then getting the technology to the villages on boats transversing the ocean and rivers, having a building and poles set up to receive the solar panels and equipment, and finding someone with the expertise for installation of the kit are all challenges. It takes months to gather this information, and it can take months to ship the equipment to PNG from the USA.



Before and After the Flooding.

YOU are invited!

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- Paint a pony
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Prayer Requests

- Thanks for health and safety for our amazing survey team this past June!
- Pray for God to open doors for future expansion into new language groups.
- Pray for the right decision to be made purchasing the solar kits in the near future.
- Pray for the flooding, landslides and earthquakes to cease.

