



Lutheran Bible Translators

Before we even ask...

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Before you have a difficult decision to make, or before you speak, or before you purchase something substantial, you take a minute to stop, consider, and pray. God is there even before you ask. This is what we are seeing in PNG. God has been working and he is doing amazing things. We have so many answered prayers in recent weeks; all we can do is sit in awe that we get to be part of what he is doing.

Bethuel Karu is the Coordinator for the Waria Cluster Project. He has a gift for languages, and he was sent from his village to learn Greek this summer. "You know Greek is not my language, but through God nothing is impossible. I did well on my first two tests."



**Isaiah 54:24**, "Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking, I will hear".

After months of research, the laptops and solar kits have been purchased for the Suena, Zia and Yekora translators, adding two laptops and two solar panels for doing work in each language. For the past year and a half, they have had one laptop to share, and it could only be used when they fired up a generator a few times a month. Now, with the solar panels, they can have power to work anytime of any day. Suena Translator, Helen Ausua said, "We have good sun, and these solar panels are transportable so they can be taken to different locations and used at a family home. We will do the work much faster now!"

**Best Laptop for the Village in PNG?  
The Dell Latitude!**



1950's clothing, Ice Cream with homemade maple syrup caramel sauce, pony painting and auctioning off my garden harvest, eggs and maple syrup from our farm, skirts and jewelry made by my daughters, cakes and empanadas made by friends turned out to be a hoot as people enjoyed the challenge to bid on their favorite items. \$4000 was raised for my work in PNG. Thanks to all of you who donated! It was a day I will always have in my heart as feeling most blessed to see God's people give so generously.



### Supporter's Quotes

*I want you as supporters to know that your contribution means so much! I'm going to add "Supporter's Quotes" each issue because we are serving together.*

*Mary Ellen, "I love that Jesus lives the fruit of the Spirit." (Galatians 5)*

*Sara (grandmother- former missionary to PNG) "God loves the whole world, we should too!"*

*Cindy/Fred: "Jesus fills us with His forgiveness and Divine Peace!"*



### Prayer Requests

- Praise that flooding has ceased in PNG.
- Praise for a wonderful Ice Cream Social Fundraiser at my hobby farm.
- Praise God for Bethuel, from the Waria Project attending a Greek Course to become advanced in his translation training.
- Praise for Laptops/Solar Panels purchased.
- Pray for training coming up in the village for all the translators this November to be fruitful and to have no difficulties for teachers and participants.
- Pray for me as I travel to Fiji in October to a conference to meet with my PNG partners and talk through future steps.

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