

The idiom “**light a fire under**” is commonly used in English to express the urgency or importance of a task. It means to motivate someone or something into action, often with a sense of urgency

I was trying to think of a way to describe how the work of the Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELC) in Papua New Guinea impacts the Gospel for their country, because it is HUGE! “Light a fire” absolutely came to mind. Already, since we were there in February to do a workshop with the leaders of the institutions, the ELC has set up a Translation Committee, and is prayerfully looking for the first Translation and Mission Coordinator to head up Bible Translation for the denomination.



Nehemiah 9:12

By day you led them with a pillar of cloud, and by night with a pillar of **fire** to give them **light** on the way they were to take.

“We have to be prepared because once the word goes out that the ELC has a Bible Translation office, the requests are going to pour in by people who want help getting translations started in their language, and we are quickly going to be overwhelmed”.



Lutheran Women in Waria River Area cooking over an open **fire** for the translators.

Where will God lead?



Back to PNG we go for a second workshop in September to meet with those on the district level, and various Bible Translation Agencies working within PNG. We will work together to see where the holes are, and what still needs to be done. 800 languages. 500 don't have a single verse translated.

Sunday School is a hot topic for the Waria River Area this year. The church has requested that the translators now find time to help translate Sunday School materials into the local languages. This means translators will have to pause their Bible Translation or commit extra time. Everyone is happy to help!



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Prayer Requests:

- Praise God for major progress for the Waria River Project Yekora, Suena, Zia translations as they utilize their new laptops, solar panels and android phones.
- Pray for the ELC as they choose a new Bible Translation Coordinator.
- Pray for me as I plan three international trips this fall.
- Pray for a blessed fundraiser (with good weather).



You Are Invited

FUNDRAISER/AUCTION

SUPPORT MICHELLE'S WORK
IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA WITH
LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2ND
2-5 PM

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- 2 p.m.** Arrive, Snacks, View Auction Items
- 3 p.m.** Presentation & Auction Begins
- 4 p.m.** Horseback Rides, pony painting, scavenger hunts, water balloons.

Western Theme this year so get out your cowboy hat, boots, and lasso...
Dressing up is half the fun!



