



Fasten Your Seatbelts

We have spent the last several months (and years) planning, training, and preparing for our family to move across the globe and support the work of Bible translation in remote communities.

We are so excited to announce that we have finally arrived and begun serving in Papua New Guinea!

Thank you for your prayers and donations that have allowed us to reach this point! *At the end we have listed a few prayers for our family in this time of transition.*



Finally in our house in Ukarumpa, PNG!

Over 2 and a half years ago we joined Lutheran Bible Translators and moved to JAARS for training. We moved out of our apartment in North Carolina on May 12th and began our trip across the Pacific!

We arrived to our new home in Ukarumpa, Papua New Guinea (PNG) on May 15th. We had our first meal with Nathan's sister, Leah, and brother-in-law, Freddie, that night. The boys

love living so close to family, and it has been so helpful to have their support as we have been adjusting to life here.



After a 14-hour flight, we arrived in Brisbane, Australia! The only picture we have is a rainy Australian sunrise. The boys loved the airports – they were able to see so many planes and vehicles!



Nathan's parents and sister, Julia, took us (along with our 12 pieces of luggage, plus 2 car seats, crib, and stroller) to the airport in Charlotte, NC to see us off.

There have been a lot of challenges adjusting to life here—jet-lag, sickness, new routines, and learning how to do even simple tasks in a new country... but there are so many blessings too. We are loving the people and beauty of this country.



Bananas and beautiful flowers in our yard

Coming Up

Now that we are getting settled into our new home and are beginning to adjust to the community life in Ukarumpa, we are looking ahead to a couple more big milestones in our PNG journey. Nathan has begun working out at aviation and is preparing to take a PNG flight regulations exam in early July.

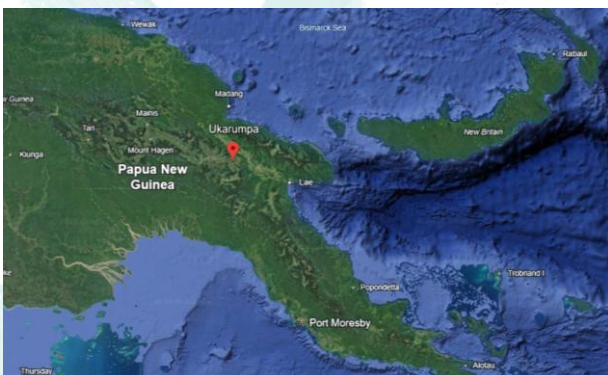


Nathan out at Aviation on his first day of work, with Freddie, who works in Stores (Parts Department).

We will also begin The Papua New Guinea Orientation Course in July, where we will have language learning and PNG culture classes. We appreciate your prayers as we prepare to live in a Papua New Guinean village for two weeks as a part of that orientation. This will be a great experience but challenging with two little boys running around.



Having dinner with Leah and Freddie, as well as some new friends Ofasia and Melissa, and Stacey.



Map of where we are living – Ukarumpa, PNG (via Google Earth)

PNG Translation Spotlight

The Suena people received the New Testament in the 1970s, and it is now actively used by the Zaka Lutheran Church Circuit. **However, the church and Suena-speaking communities yearn for the Old Testament.**

To succeed, the team requires extensive support for translation and technology training, access to resources for workshops, and financial assistance for travel to training. To learn more, visit lbt.org/program/suena-bible-translation/.

Pray for these translators to be empowered in their training so that the full Word of God may be brought to life in Suena.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Praise that we have arrived safely to our new home (with all of our luggage)!
- Pray that the sea freight shipment of our other goods arrives safely within the next couple months.
- Praise for a good start for our family and our ministry in Papua New Guinea.
- Pray for our language and culture orientation over the upcoming months, that we might set a good foundation to be able to serve and work well alongside the people of Papua New Guinea.

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