

Taylor Tidings

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Flying to the village and checking Acts

Our whole family flew by helicopter to Hamelengan village for four weeks in June and July. Our main goal was to check as much of the translation of Acts as we could, in preparation for the final consultant check later this year. We didn't expect to finish all the checking during this stay, since the Nukna people are all very busy at this time of year clearing land and planting new gardens. But, by the grace of God, we were able to go through the entire book of Acts twice with groups of Nukna villagers, checking for accuracy and comprehension. The Nukna people were eager to meet with us to do this work, even with all the other work they needed to do. One strategy that helped us finish was to work at night. The people could still plant their gardens by day, while checking the book of Acts by night. We would often work late into the night - one night until nearly 1 a.m. Good thing God made me (Matt) a night owl!

While in Hamelengan village, Christy had the opportunity to teach the Nukna women how to make banana bread. Not only did they pick up some new skills, but it was also a great relationship building time!

Thank you for your prayers while we were in the village. Everyone in our family stayed healthy, and we enjoyed some relatively dry weather for a change, allowing us to get out of the house and enjoy the outdoors.

When we returned to Ukarumpa in mid-July, Christy resumed working as receptionist at the health clinic here in Ukarumpa, while I began doing exegetical checking of the first drafts of Philippians and I & II Thessalonians. I also just finished another round of the Executive Committee meetings for our PNG branch.

Please keep Christy in your prayers, as she has just left PNG to spend time with her parents in California for about four weeks. Her mom has been having health issues. Matt has remained in Ukarumpa, working on translation and taking care of the kids.



top to bottom, clockwise:

- 1) departing for Hamelengan, June 17th
- 2) spiders tend to get BIG in Papua New Guinea- look out Nathan!
- 3) Kaitlyn at a Nukna garden
- 4) Nukna mother with her children
- 5) Christy shows how to make banana bread

Family News

June and July have been very busy months for the Taylor family! The school year wrapped up in June, with all the end-of-school activities like band and choir concerts, the 8th grade play and 6th grade graduation (here at Ukarumpa, graduating 6th grade is a very big deal). Also, since both Kaitlyn and Nathan's birthdays would fall during our trip to Hamelengan village, we had a combined waterslide party for them a few weeks before we left for the village. What a blast! For more pictures, please check out my (Christy's) blog [here](#) and [here](#).

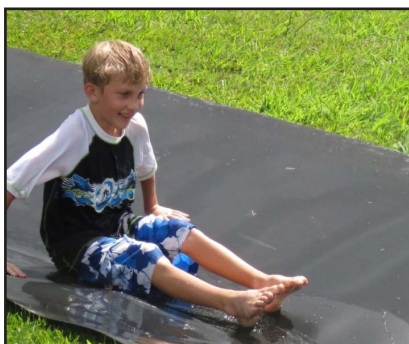
After returning from our time in the village, we had just a week before a new school year started up in late July. Kaitlyn began high school and Nathan started 7th grade, so life is much busier for both of them. Nathan is playing percussion in the marching band, so he has some very long school days. Both kids are also taking piano lessons.

Justin is enjoying his 3rd-4th grade combined class (he's in 4th grade this year) and Julianne is in 2nd grade. Elijah is in the 4-year-old preschool class and is starting to learn how to read! He loves to get our learning-to-read book and have me work with him in the afternoons.

This year I also have the privilege of being one of the two Community Group leaders for the 9th grade girls. We meet weekly for Bible study, and just a chance to share together in each other's lives. I love this group of 9 girls (of which Kaitlyn is a part) from four different countries (PNG, Australia, Korea and the US).



At Nathan's 6th grade graduation



Justin at the water slide birthday party!



Christy & kids hanging out with Nukna women at village soccer match



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- 1) Julianne with her classmates on PNG dress up day
- 2) Kaitlyn was a 'lady-in-waiting' in the 8th grade play
- 3) Celebrating Nathan's 12th bday
- 4) First day of a new school year