

# Taylor Tidings

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*Partners in Bible translation  
with the Nukna people  
of Papua New Guinea*

## **Luke and Acts dedicated**

On May 6th, we dedicated the books of Luke and Acts in the Nukna language. Hundreds of people came from villages all over the Nukna area, there was singing and dancing, feasting, speeches, and lots of praise to God! What a day!

This dedication was the culmination of many years of hard work, commitment and prayer. Our faithful Nukna co-translator, Muransi, began drafting Luke way back in 2010, and began drafting Acts in 2013. Between then and now, these two drafts have gone through revisions, quality checks, village checks and consultant checks; they've been recorded into audio versions, typeset and printed, and loaded onto AudiBible players. It's been a long process!

So it was with great excitement that we gathered with the Nukna people to thank God for his faithfulness through it all. Matt spoke to the people and stressed that while we celebrated this milestone in the life of the Nukna people, we also knew that producing a book was never the goal - the goal was to see God's Word impacting people's hearts and transforming communities. We urged the people to read (or listen to) God's Word regularly, and to let it fill their hearts and minds. During this speech, people clapped and shouted, and some were even crying. Would you join us in prayer, that the Holy Spirit would use his Word to impact the hearts and lives of the Nukna people?

A few days after the dedication, Matt traveled to another Nukna village, preaching and teaching, showing the Jesus film, and giving away free copies of Luke and Acts that people can listen to on their mobile phones (see photos on next page).



*Traditional 'singing' group celebrating God's word in the Nukna language*



*The Nukna translation team, holding a copy of Luke and Acts  
l-r: Emson, Simendi, Matt, Christy and Muransi*



*Christy shaking hands while holding traditional Nukna hunting spears given to her in welcome*



*Nukna people buying copies of Luke and Acts*



Christy, Justin, Elijah, Nathan, Kaitlyn, Julianne and Matt



## Heading back to the U.S.

Our family will be in the United States for about six months, beginning later this month and continuing through early January. We'll be based on the central coast of California. We'd love to reconnect with you and share about what God has been doing in our lives, and also hear about what he's been doing in yours. Would you pray for our family as we go through this big transition? Our time in the States will be a homecoming for Matt and Christy, but for our kids, home is Papua New Guinea, and these upcoming six months will be a big challenge for them.

During this time, we will also be asking God to increase the number of prayer partners and financial partners giving toward our ministry. The costs of our ministry and our family's living costs have been going up over the last couple years, and Wycliffe has determined that we will need an additional \$1350 per month before they will allow us to return to Papua New Guinea. Would you pray with us for God's provision for our finances?

Housing update: many of you have been praying for our housing need during this upcoming furlough. While we don't yet have a place to live in, some very generous people have promised us the funds we will need to rent a house for these six months. Thank you for praying with us!

Many people think furlough is nothing more than a long vacation for missionaries. But in reality, we will be working quite hard during this time. In addition to speaking at churches and sharing about our ministry, Christy will be homeschooling three of our children (the other two will be attending Coastal Christian School), while Matt will be working on the translation of Matthew and some of the Pauline epistles, as well as writing a report on the various dialects of the Nukna language.



## Giving

**By Mail:** Make a check payable to Wycliffe Bible Translators, with a separate note indicating "preference for the Wycliffe ministry of Matt and Christy Taylor." Mail to Wycliffe Bible Translators, PO Box 628200, Orlando, FL 32862-8200.

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- 1) Nukna boys
- 2) Setting up the screen for viewing the Jesus film
- 3) Kaitlyn, Julianne and Matt pick up Luke/Acts from the printers
- 4) Nukna men with the audio Scriptures on their mobile phones