First book completed!

This June, the Nukna translation of the Gospel according to Mark went through its final quality check and was approved for publication. This marks the first completed book of the Nukna New Testament! At the same time we also did the final check of the book of Ruth. These books were checked by SIL Translation Consultant Iljae Jung from South Korea, with input from Nukna checking assistants Simendi, Eddie and Tángiliong (see photo at lower right). Now that Mark and Ruth are completed, we are planning to make audio recordings of both books, and to also print paper copies. As we work towards the day when these portions of God's Word will be available for the Nukna people to read and listen to, please pray with us that God would already be preparing their hearts and minds to receive this message of life.

Village Visit

Our family spent six weeks living in Hamelengan village in April and May. Some of the highlights of that time:

- Our family had almost perfect health for the whole six weeks what a praise!
- In preparation for the final checks in June, we completed the village checks and back translations for the books of Mark and Ruth. There was a good turnout of Nukna people for these checks, and their enthusiasm was high as many of them heard the book of Mark in Nukna for the first time.
- Muransi continued drafting the book of Acts (see photo at right) and has now finished half of it.
- Christy once again home schooled the children, with Kaitlyn finishing grade 5, Nathan grade 3, Justin kindergarten and Julianne first-year preschool.

Please continue to pray for us and the Nukna people. Simendi is currently with us in Ukarumpa drafting parts of Genesis. Matt has recently taken on a new part-time role as the Scripture Publication Coordinator for SIL in Papua New Guinea.











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