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Nukna dedication of 10 epistles

On July 12th, the Nukna people dedicated 10 books of the New Testament translated into their language for the first time! The books of Galatians through Philemon are now available in both written and audio formats. Our family was unable to attend the dedication because of COVID-related travel restrictions, but the Nukna people were still keen to go ahead with the celebration. People came from villages all over the language area, a huge feast was prepared, special song and dance groups performed, a grandstand was erected, speeches were made, and a pastor led the people in a service of thanksgiving.

When we dedicated Luke and Acts three years ago, sales were low, so we weren't sure what to expect this time. But we've received word that all of the audio players (and most of the books) have already sold out, and people are putting their names on a waiting list! We hope to send more audio players out as soon as possible.

In the midst of the difficult times we now live in, what an encouragement to see that our mighty God is still active and moving, all over the world, in the hearts and lives of people like the Nukna! And while we were very disappointed to not be able to celebrate with them, we realize that us being "out of the way" enabled the Nukna people to take ownership and hold their own Scripture dedication without any outside help. That's really quite exciting! Isn't it just like our great God to bring good out of the trials and difficulties we are going through? Please be praying with us that the Lord would use these newly-translated New Testament books to impact the hearts and lives of the Nukna people in a mighty way.

[Click here to see video from the dedication!](#)



An elderly Nukna man receives Galatians through Philemon in his mother tongue



The books were carried forward amid singing and dancing



Speeches were made from the grandstand

New U.S. phone numbers

We'd love to hear from you!

Christy - 805-819-8991

Matt - 805-843-0441

We're in the U.S.!

Our family is currently in California, on the Central Coast, for a short furlough from our work overseas. We plan to return to PNG in January, Lord willing. We are hoping to connect with many of you while we're here, but with the current COVID situation, we're waiting to see when and how that might happen. Of course, there's always the phone - ***feel free to get in touch with us, we'd love to hear from you!***

We almost didn't make it here, as flying internationally these days is very difficult, with the lack of flights and the travel restrictions of some of the countries we had to pass through. We had tickets cancelled on us twice. But the Lord made a way for us to come back to the U.S., and we're very grateful for the opportunity to see family and friends like you.

Nukna dedication - bonus book!

The Nukna dedication, originally scheduled for April, had to be postponed when COVID hit. But out of this delay came an opportunity to also record the Nukna translation of the book of Matthew. Our translation team had just completed the final quality checks of Matthew in March, and there wasn't time to get it recorded in time for the dedication. But now there was a silver lining - we had more time! With all the travel restrictions, we couldn't bring Nukna speakers to the translation center at Ukarumpa, so I (Matt) did the reading for the recordings myself. I'm sure my accent doesn't sound like a native speaker, but I do manage to read pretty smoothly, so hopefully that will make up for it. As a result, at the dedication held last month, the Nukna people received an extra book unexpectedly (and of course Matthew is longer than the 10 epistles put together). It can be hard to stay positive these days, but it really helps to remind ourselves of all the good - like the recording of Matthew - that God is still bringing about, despite the difficult circumstances we're facing.

Kaitlyn says goodbye to PNG

Like many graduating high school seniors, Kaitlyn's 12th grade year did not unfold at all how she expected it would. The arrival of COVID changed a lot, and she and her classmates mourned much that was lost. In the midst of this, Kaitlyn was also saying goodbye to Papua New Guinea, the country she's grown up in since she was 7 months old. Unfortunately, due to travel restrictions, she never did get to say her goodbyes to the Nukna people. But we've seen her navigate these challenges with strength and grace, and we're excited to see what God has next for her!



The Bibles were flown to Yalumet airstrip and carried over the mountains to the dedication



A Nukna mother receives her copy of God's Word



Kaitlyn has graduated from high school



One of Kaitlyn's earliest days in PNG... and one of her last.

Giving

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