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

Bible training and Scripture recording

Bible translation is so much more than just translating the Bible. As we look ahead to the publication of the Nukna New Testament in the near future, we recognize that making God's word available to the Nukna people is just the first step. If they haven't received training in how to read and study God's word, we would be leaving the job half-done. This week, a team of Papua New Guinean trainers from our mission's Scripture Access department is in the Nukna village of Komutu, teaching the SALT course. SALT stands for Scripture Application and Leadership Training, and has the goal of equipping people to study their Bibles with understanding, and to train up Christian leaders in the local church. We've seen amazing growth from past Scripture Access courses (Bible Background course in 2019 and Culture Meets Scripture in 2022). **Would you pray that God would also move powerfully among the Nukna people through the SALT course?** The course handbook references many hundreds of Bible verses, and since we've recently completed translating the Nukna New Testament, Matt produced a 100+ page Scripture booklet that includes all the verses for the course – in the Nukna language! Many of these Bible verses have never been read before by the Nukna people in their own language. We're excited to see God's word in the hands of the Nukna people – parts of it for the first time!

Please pray for the audio recording of the Nukna New Testament. Our recording sessions begin on September 8th, and will last for twelve weeks. During this time we will also produce a video of the book of Mark, using the biblical text. Please pray for the Nukna readers, many of whom have never done something like this before. They have been diligently practicing their out-loud reading for months now, and we are praying for clear, easily understood recordings.

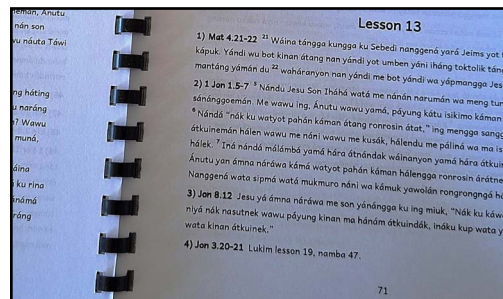
Recently, **Matt led consultant checks for the Mato language (parts of Genesis), and the Adzera language (book of Acts).** Consultant checking is a big investment of time and effort. Matt spent a full month on the check of Acts in the Adzera language, confirming the exegesis and doing face-to-face comprehension checks with the Adzera translation team. He also supervised two consultant trainees during this check. It's such a joy and privilege to be a part of the hard work these teams are doing to bring God's word to their own people!



Justin, Kaitlyn, Christy, Julianne and Nathan – together this summer



*Nukna at the start of the SALT course (above)
Nukna Scripture booklet (below)*



*Checking with the Mato team (above)
and the Adzera team (right)*





Elijah went on a float trip on a local PNG river.



Family news

Christy is continuing to serve at the primary and secondary campuses of Ukarumpa International School, where our children and many other missionary kids attend. She recently returned from the U.S., where she had her second knee surgery. She is healing well and looking forward to being able to be active and play sports again. Christy ended up staying in the U.S. longer than expected – for 10 weeks – to help support our adult kids as they navigated various struggles and medical issues. (This was the longest we have ever been apart as a couple, and it's so good to be back together again now!)

We would really appreciate your prayers for our family, as we need God's wisdom and provision for navigating these unexpected medical issues, and finding the balance between caring for our family and serving in our ministry in Papua New Guinea. It's so hard sometimes to be on the other side of the world! We've really been stretched these last few months, in so many ways, and we recognize our dependence on God's guidance and mercy more than ever.

Kaitlyn is working at the Akron Zoo (right), specializing in their bird aviaries.

Nathan graduated from Liberty University in May (right) and is now pursuing a career in law enforcement.

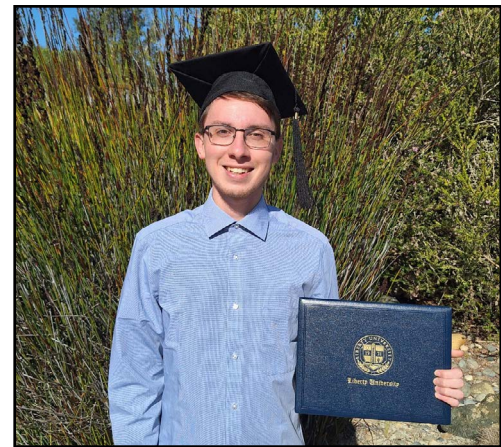
Justin will be living in California this fall and taking classes online at Liberty University.

Julianne is enjoying her senior year of high school and playing on the touch rugby team.

Elijah loves playing Minecraft with his friends and playing drums for the youth group worship team.



Somehow our two youngest (Julianne and Elijah) are now in 12th and 9th grades!



Giving

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Christy with our 3 U.S.-based kids – we sure miss them!