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Serving the Solomon Islands



Tim & Martha Matzke - November 2019



An Arosi child reads to her teacher.

Good News from the Solomons!

An iron rod crashes against the empty gas cylinder hanging from the eave of the church, and the "clang, clang, clang" reverberates around the village. The sound is a reminder to everyone that the daily church service will soon begin.

In one village, the familiar sound of the church bell is prompting a new excitement. School children scurry home to grab Bibles and hymn books and eagerly run to church. They have been going to church their whole lives, but since they have learned to read and write in their

own language, they can now follow along with the readings and fully participate in worship.

This is just one of the encouraging stories that was shared during a meeting last week in the Solomon Islands. Following the completion of an external evaluation of the multilingual education program, stakeholders gathered at the Ministry of Education to hear reports and make recommendations regarding the future of the program.

The evaluation team recognized the leadership Tim¹ and our Solomon Islander colleague, Margaret, have provided to this program. And they reported that teachers, parents, communities and students are all excited about the multilingual education approach and want to see it continue. We are not surprised, but are thankful to have this positive report!

Once the leadership in the Solomon Islands Ministry of Education receives the report and recommendations, they will determine the next steps. It is our prayer that they will decide to move forward with the program and allocate the resources needed for this strategic initiative. We would welcome an invitation to return to the Solomons to support this work.

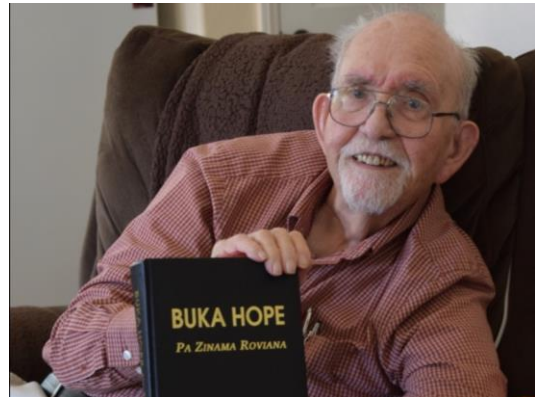
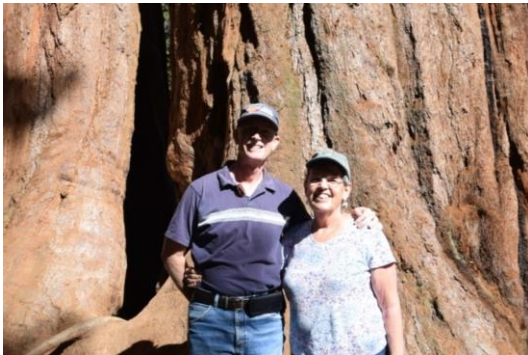
Imagine what a difference it will make for children all over the Solomon Islands to be able to read Scriptures, hymn books and other materials in their own languages!



For most of October, we traveled over 5000 miles through 8 states, slept in 15 beds, visited with 17 supporters, and made 3 group presentations about our ministry!

We are thankful we could spend time with friends/supporters whom we have not seen in years. It was a blessing to be able to share what God has been doing in the Solomon Islands and to share our hopes and prayers for the future.

As we traveled, we enjoyed some of God's amazing creation. The trip was great and now we are back in Dallas.





Narrowing the Gap

Every member of Wycliffe is asked to raise the funds needed to cover their ministry expenses, including their salary. We are grateful for the prayers and financial support of our wonderful ministry team!



Thanks to increased support commitments, 'the gap' in our budget is now less than \$750 a month. We pray that others will invest in our ministry so we may soon reach full support.

If you want to know more about how you can be a part of the support team, please click here: [Matzke Mission Support](#).

Prayer Requests

- Praise God for the positive reports on the multilingual education program.
- Praise God for safe travels and good meetings in October.

- Pray that the remaining \$750/month financial support needed for our ministry budget will be pledged.

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With grateful hearts for your prayers and partnership,

Tim & Martha Matzke

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