

Manning Messenger

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BEAR (to carry something) with us

Life has been very busy since our last newsletter. As always, Wycliffe USA continues to host many Scripture celebrations noting the work happening around the world. Join us and over 1,000 global partners in rejoicing with and praying for countries as they get closer to seeing the reality of all people having Scripture in a language and format they clearly understand. **Bear** the load with us and be sure to check out the map of statistics and status of Bible Translation around the world here: <https://wycliffe.org/about#vision2025>

BEAR (to patiently wait until something is sorted out) with us

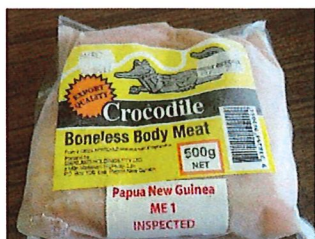
Post Tim's service in Papua New Guinea (PNG) at the beginning of the year, we want to thank you all again for your prayers and giving towards this very productive trip. The month-long work project was to both repair and prepare as earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and tsunamis are quite a common occurrence in PNG. Civil unrest, crime, tribal conflict and piracy are also prevalent on this island. The eastern side of New Guinea hosts fabulous fruits and vegetables, but a fragile health care system. Bible Translation work here is very



needed that all might have the world of God in their heart language. Tim enjoyed working alongside many friendly, grateful PNG locals and supporting the SIL staff.

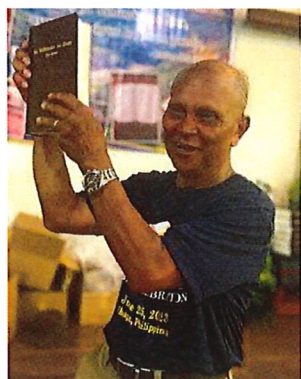
The team was extremely well-cared for and ate many delicious meals local to the area. There were a few surprises as well (see below). The varied masonry and plumbing issues addressed should

support all for years to come. Pray for those working and traveling in this part of the southwest Pacific. We will keep you informed as the next trip materializes, but for now, **bear** with us in anticipation.



Kodiak (pun intended) in PNG





BearER (to bring a message)

Nard Pugyao was 7 years old (1956) when missionary, Dick Roe, moved into his village of Dibagat, Philippines. In the remote north, Nard became a believer, encountering Jesus through the Gospel of Mark in Isnag. From the moment that he said “yes” to God’s invitation for relationship, Nard has been on a journey of walking with the Lord and encouraging others around him to do the same.

Then, in 1971, Rudy Barlaan moved to Dibagat to do language learning for a Bible translation consultation role with SIL Philippines. Rudy hadn’t planned on staying in Dibagat, but God had other plans. Rudy joined Dick in the translation work and in

1982, the New Testament (NT) was dedicated. In 2006, a revised NT, plus Genesis & Exodus, was dedicated. At the time, Old Testament (OT) translation wasn’t part of SIL Philippines strategy, but God brought someone to help Rudy with the work. That someone was Mark Pugyao, Nard’s nephew. Mark had pastored the Dibagat Bible Church for a year when Rudy invited him to join in translating the Bible for his community. Mark went to Bible school, and translated the Old Testament with Rudy as his consultant.

Meanwhile, Nard knew that he wanted to be a part of helping others get the Bible in their own language too. He went into aviation; flying and repair planes (JAARS) and joined Wycliffe in 1977 - over 20 years after Dick first came to Nard’s village to start translating the Bible! Nard flew the first NT Bibles to his village in 1982.

On **June 25, 2023**, more than 66 years after the gospel first arrived in Dibagat, the full Isnag Bible was dedicated! Nard, Rudy and Mark each invested their lives in seeing the Isnag people reached with the gospel in their own language. They persevered - in Nard and Rudy’s case, for decades — and have invited others to join them along the way! God has been faithful to the Isnag, and now they’re able to hold His complete Word in their hands - something that will stand forever. Nard has waited his whole life to read the full counsel of God’s Word in Isnag. Today we rejoice that that wait has ended, and praise God for this generation of children who won’t have to wait to encounter Jesus personally. (story here: <https://www.wycliffe.org>)

BARE (to reveal) Updates

See how to go from darkness to light(1 min video) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7GkKp9PFUko&t=3s>

Tim and Dee traveled to Tennessee, then Kentucky, to visit the Ark Encounter for their anniversary (April). In May, they visited **Kelly** in Colorado. For the 4th of July weekend, we celebrated Tim turning **70!** It was wonderful to have most all of Tim’s immediate family and some of Dee’s for the event. All four kids made it to Virginia as well. **Sarah** has returned stateside from Fiji and is making plans for the future. **Timmy** passed his Home Inspector’s license (NC) and **Erica** supported him wonderfully along the way. **Nick** has been either a best man or groomsman in 3 weddings this summer. Another roommate gets married in October. We are all thankful for jobs that allow us to minister to many in Christ’s name.



BEAR (the black fuzzy one) In the last two months, rural living has brought us deer, turkey, mice, multiple snakes (one over 6’) and this friend to a neighbor’s yard looking for eggs. Yikes!!!

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*We’d love to greet
you with a **BEAR**
hug soon. **Jim and Dee***

