

The Journey of Hanna Joy

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Hello All,

After four months of travelling in Australia, sharing about my work in PNG and catching up with family and friends, I am finally back in PNG again. As much as I enjoyed time in my Australian home, I am increasingly at home in PNG now.

The highlight of my time in Australia was having a holiday with my whole family for my Dad's birthday. We stayed in the Grampians together, enjoying hikes, good food and each others company. In a large, busy and scattered family like mine, having time together like this is something I very much treasure.

Another enjoyable pause in all the busyness of travel and talking was a week on Kangaroo Island with a friend. On stormy days we stayed inside, reading books and doing crafts while watching the weather rage outside the window. On the sunny and still days we went exploring along the beautiful coastline.

Although furlough was constant, and thus tiring, I have really enjoyed reconnecting with so many of you. It has been good to share my story in person, and to hear what has been happening in your lives. You have each been such an encouragement to me. Thank you for opening your homes and your hearts to me. As always, there are more people to see than time and energy to do so, so sorry to those of you who I did not manage to connect this time.

Thank you to each of you for partnering with me in my work in Bible translation in PNG. Your prayers, encouragement and financial gifts make what I do possible and I am humbled by your generosity. If there are others who would like to support my work financially, contact the LCA on lcaim@lca.org.au or Wycliffe on www.wycliffe.org.au/donate/payments.

Blessings,

Hanna



Hiking in the Grampians as a family



Making memories by going on Puffing Billy with my nieces and nephews

We visited 'Redbank', the farm where Dad grew up, for a day of stories.



Next...

On October 3 I will once again fly down to Gulf Province and take a boat to Ubuo'o, the village where I work. This time though I will not be going alone, but will be travelling with Hollie Butler, who will be doing her internship with me for the next 18 months. It is exciting to have someone to share the work with, as well as making me a little nervous, as we'll be living together in a remote and challenging location and are only just getting to know each other. Please do pray for us!

We'll be two months in Gulf Province. Learning the Kope language and building relationships continue to be the foundation of my work, but I will also be continuing to train and advise the Kope translation team. I also have the challenge of working out how to support the Anigibi tribe as they adapt the Kope drafts into the Anigibi language. In the middle of our time in Gulf, we will be joining the YWAM medical ship once more, this time to distribute health education materials and do some reading fluency training in the villages we visit.

Hinsaal New Testament



Wilson (who I worked with) holding a box of Hinsaal New Testaments

In 2013 I spent a month working with the Hinsaal translation team in New Ireland. Last week, they dedicated the New Testament in their language!

I was unable to go and join the celebrations, but the reports I have heard are that it was a day of great rejoicing and that books sales went well. In my first few years in this country I was not allocated to a single project, but worked as a generally helpful linguist, assisting various projects with their needs at the time. It is an encouragement to me to see the fruit of this period of work.

Prayer Points

Praise for a **good time on furlough** and a safe return to PNG

Pray that Hollie and I will use this month of **preparation for the village** well. Pray especially that I will do well at **refreshing my Kope language skills** after a break of many months.

Pray for Hollie and me as **we learn to live and work together** in Ubuo'o village. May we have **good health**, our ears and tongues attuned to the language, and **good relationships** with each other and those around us.

Pray for the Kope and Anigibi people, that they will grow in God's word.

Praise God that the **Hinsaal NT** is completed and pray for the Hinsaal people as they use the Bible in their own language.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

Romans 8:1-2



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