

Dear Kids & friends,

After a two week delay & patiently waiting for parts to repair our helicopter, we finally arrived to the village on February 7th, Yeah! During these past two month in our village allocation we were full on with translation & literacy/scripture use work. Jonathan & his team now have 91% of the Binandere New Testament translated and they are pressing forward. . Sad to say, one of the men on our translation team, Pastor Gregory, passed away very suddenly , a week after we departed the village in Nov 2022.. Before work could begom again with our team of translators we needed to follow proper cultural protocol. We cooked up 10 lbs of rice, tin meat & greens, & bought a few local [chickens.to](#) give to the pastor's family. Our translation team & their wives hiked with us down the river to visit the Pastor's widow, to cry with her, visit & encourage her. At the end of our visit, Pastor Gregory's older brother spoke out, giving us permission to now continue with our translation work.

While in Nindewari I held my ladies & teen girls Bible studies/fluency classes. One of my nearby village neighbors, Bonita, came to Friday morning's ladies class for the first time ever. And then she along with several of her small children continued to come each Friday.. One market morning she came by our book table with her 3 kina in hand & purchased her own personal copy of the Binandere scripture book (Matt, John, & 9 Epistles).Having her attend our ladies class was a highlight of my time in the village 😊 Twenty three teen girls entered our five-week memory verse contest to say 18 verses & do their daily Binandere scripture readings. Near the end of my time we had our awards night. I always get excited to see these girls memorizing God's Word. Pray with me that its message will continue to touch & change their lives. And now we have arrived back to our Ukarumpa mission center home and continue our translation work from here.

It's been an exciting time as I watch God working out details for my visit to the USA to visit the kids & grandkids (May 9th-June 14th)..Yesterday a friend helped me download & submit an app for my Australia electronic transit visa.. I'm often technically challenged to be honest.. But God always sends someone along to help. My daughter Jonita is also a real God sent. She has researched & helped me purchase domestic flights for Key West, FL, Phila, PA, Grand Island, NE & then to Anchorage, AK. It's such a complicated trip because my three kids are so spread out across the USA. Jonathan is happy to send me as his representative and avoid all the frenzy, as long as I bring him back some yummy chocolate! I'm looking forward to seeing each of you kids soon!

Meanwhile Jonathan has a window of time to revise & fine-tun over 525 Binandere scripture verses from seven New Testament epistles. My job has been to rewrite from drafts & type the back translations of these seven epistles into Paratext (a scripture translation software program) He is preparing for the July consultant checking sessions. Three of our Binandere men will travel, Lord willing, to the Ukarumpa linguistic center via hiking trails, by motor boat on open seas, then by road. Their trip will cover over 230 miles, Jonathan has made a goal to review, revise & correct 11 verses each day (Monday-Saturday). Even as I write this letter tonight, he is down in his office working through the final verses of the day's quota. The consultant needs these drafts of the seven epistles by June 1st, so Jonathan is feeling the pressure..Pray that God would give him stamina to keep up with the daily quota of verses.

Thank you to each of you for your love, prayers & support,
love,
Kathy (& Jonathan Wilson)..