

# Mattocks Missionary Mosaic

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**Tears of laughter rolled down our cheeks as Kossack told us: "Well, we got it, but we almost did not..."**

Friday (October 6th), our sorcery movie sound-leveling team in America emailed us that they could not get the volume of some voices high and distinct enough. So we sent Kossack and Tuas back to Numuyafove village (where most of the sorcery movie was filmed) to rerecord three of the actors in a scene shot next to a small but noisy waterfall. One of the actors named "Six" had an especially soft voice. On the following Tuesday morning, the rest of the Kamano team was in our office translating 1 Chronicles when Kossack and Tuas walked in late from recording and traveling long hours that past weekend. Kossack and Tuas caught the *last* PMV (Public Motor Vehicle) that Friday night, and found *none* of the three actors the village! They sent messages for one of the actors via a truck leaving for another village, and a young man also ran over a mountain to find another actor in his garden. The first man came from his garden plot and arrived at 11 PM, and was rerecorded. The second man, who got the message via the truck, walked back to Numuyafove, arriving back in the village at 3 AM; after sleeping a bit, he was recorded at 6 AM. This gave Kossack and Tuas just enough time to jump on the *last* truck leaving the village for the day to try to find Six, the third actor. They were told that Six had gone to sell potatoes at the market in Goroka. After checking the market and riding PMVs back and forth in town, they just could not find Six. They prayed again, and just as they were ready to give up, they asked another lady riding their PMV (who was from Numuyafove village), "Have you seen Six?" The lady said, "Which Six? There are two from our village. [Pointing] Do you mean that Six sitting over there?" They quickly asked the driver to stop, then ran over to Six, who had finished selling his potatoes and was *just about* to board a PMV to go back to his village. They explained to Six that they needed to audio record his voice parts again. After looking around the noisy main street, they asked Six where they could find a suitable place to record him. Six suggested the public cement toilet block. They explained their dilemma to the attendant (who takes money from people to use the toilets). They went inside, sat on the cement floor with Kossack's computer playing the sorcery movie so that Six could watch himself and try to lip-sync his voice parts with the audio digital recorder. After rerecording his parts, 45 minutes later they walked out of the toilet block and paid the attendant seven kina (about \$2.20) for the "extra time", then ran past a long line of waiting customers to the bus stop. They were *just in time* to catch the *last* PMV for their return trip home. Tuesday we asked them, "Were you successful?" Kossack said, "Well, we got it, but we almost did not... God answered our prayers!"

**Potatoes and God's amazing faithfulness!**

Six (a relative of Tuas), who lost his father and brother due to being accused of sorcery, also hosted the sorcery movie filming team in his village house back in May. When the team arrived, his sprouted potatoes were ready to plant. As a host and an actor, he was going to have a busy week, but delaying planting meant he would lose this crop and lots of income. After eight days of filming, the team left and Six and his family decided to plant anyway. The other fields of potatoes around his plot looked really dry and dead. After planting, he prayed that God would give him just a little bit of rain, maybe even some dew. God had held the rain off during the filming!! It rained all that night! Months later, Six heard other villagers complaining about their bad harvest of small round potatoes. When Six dug up his potatoes, they were the biggest, best potatoes—fifteen 70-lb. bags full! When Six went to the Goroka market, all of his potatoes were purchased first, and he had made a huge profit when Tuas and Kossack found him. After Six arrived back to the village, he used some of his profit to hire a truck to take some of the youth in his church on an outreach. In the meantime, the news of this amazing story spread to other villagers of the miracle.

On November 17, I (Rich) drove a team to the village to do the premiere showing to the actors and their families. We were first stopped by a man asking to buy an Audible. Then as we stopped to tell a woman about the showing, I heard a noise and asked what it was. She had been walking along listening to her Audible. Around the next bend, we met Six walking down the road, just arriving back from selling six Audibles on a hike into more remote villages with some of the youth group. We showed the film that night in the open area so that the non-Christians would feel welcome. People made comments like, "*I was in tears and this is going to change us and our Kamano-Kafe villages.*" The next morning, rolling out of our sleeping bags after six hours of sleep, we noticed several

more solar powered scripture players being carried around outside. As we loaded my truck, a pastor came to us and told us that nearly all of the ladies in the village were illiterate. He thanked us for bringing and selling the Audibles at subsidized prices, because he is seeing a difference: "*People are changing. They used to sit around before they went to sleep worrying, telling stories and blaming people for deaths in the village, but now they listen to their Audibles in the evening learning stories they have never heard before, and then they go to sleep peacefully! Thank you.*" Praise God! Keep praying, God is answering your prayers!



**Left:** Woman in village carrying her child while walking and listening to her Audible. **Right:** Man describing the changes in his community due to the Scripture players!