

Mattocks Missionary Mosaic

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“I’ve been listening to the script being read and I can see the action in my mind.”

That was the comment from three different older pastor-overseers of churches in two separate sessions reading through the sorcery movie script. We wanted these men, who are frequently involved in settling village clan fights that result from sorcery accusations, to give us feedback. For example, *“Have this guy say it this way because we would never directly mention an individual’s name to avoid shaming the clan.”* Especially encouraging was the elderly Peace Committee Chairman, who represents the Member of Parliament, who nodded and smiled often during the three hours. He said, *“Yes, that is how it works...your script is accurate, our people need this. I will talk to the Member... I work closely with him. He will be very happy and we will help you in any way we can. There is a round table [for peace talks] with two fighting villages in about a week after the Member gets back from the capital city. Please come and film this event to use sections for this video.”*

It was painful to hear this peace committee chairman mentioning that he and the committee he oversees are dealing with 29 different clan fights (think Hatfield and McCoy, some going back generations) among the 283 Kamano-Kafe villages. He gratefully took Audibibles and copies of the new HIV-AIDS video that was finished in November. (He had purchased some Audibibles from his budget that he had given away to some of the fighting clans.)

It has been exciting to see this script come together so quickly and have it nearly ready for filming. A number of times I (Rich) have been in tears, as the video is based on true stories. Kossack, who wrote the first draft, used real life stories from his wife and brother-in-law, who as young children lost their father in a village fight due to sorcery accusations. We have asked Kossack to direct the film. He has videoed and produced four church choir videos with mini-dramas during the songs. We have been so thankful for our furlough sermon honorariums we used last year to buy Kossack a computer capable of this video work. God had bigger plans than we envisioned!

“O Papa God” HIV-AIDS Video Update

This video, which we recorded in November, was shown at Kamano Christmas camp with good feedback. We sold out all 51 copies we brought to camp, and have now sold around

80 copies. It has been gratifying to hear feedback such as, *“It taught us to take care of the orphan children [due to AIDS’ deaths] and not neglect them”... “The video goes deeper in meaning. It has more impact in our own language. Thank you.”* During the last two weeks in January and first half of February, God helped Kossack and Saki (two of the five trained in November to record the video into other languages) to dub the video into the Ipili language (the second language to get the video). Rich’s role was to say: *“When you are in the village and they ask you to do something you don’t think is good, just blame your decision on me, that I already said “No”... “Guys, this might be multi-voltage, but before you leave in the morning, we still need to make an adapter so you can plug that Australian plug into that American generator.”*

Audible Testimonies



December 26-30, 2016, Kamano-Kafe Christmas Camp at Yasi. **Left photo:** Joyce selling a Kamano-Kafe New Testament to this young boy and his brother. **Right photo:** Joyce and a helper under the plastic tarp during a rare dry period, teaching how to sew culottes with a hand-crank sewing machine. It kept on coming unthreaded! It had just been returned from the sewing machine maintenance class. They couldn’t get the other machine to work.

A lady in Nathan’s village who married-in from another language group came to Nathan and bought an Audible. Nathan asked her what she was going to do with it. She said that her church visitation ministry was going to give it away to someone. A few weeks later she saw Nathan again and told him that they had given it to a man whose legs were paralyzed. Her church team gave him the Audible along with some soap and cooking oil, which he gratefully accepted. They went back to visit him several days later. The man told those who came to visit him, *“Thank you so much for giving me this Audible. When you came to visit me last time, because of my despair, I wanted to commit suicide. I was planning*

on setting fire to my [grass-roofed] house and burning it down around me. But after you left, I turned the Audible on and started to listen to it. It gave me hope. It changed my thoughts. I am a changed man. You have given me a second life. Thank you!”

Franky, our motorbike salesman visited a non-Christian truck driver who was extremely sick and no longer able to work. Franky shared with him and showed him the Audible that he was going around to the different local markets and selling. This truck driver told Franky he wanted to buy an Audible. When Franky went back several weeks later, this non-Christian said, *“The talk on this Audible has helped me. I am now a child of God. God wins and I win with him now.”* A few weeks later, this man died. His family still listens to the Audible and is very thankful for Franky’s timely visit and for the Audible that led their family member to Jesus Christ.