

# Mattocks Missionary Mosaic

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## *“That’s a power house in there!”*

“The Lord is gracious,” was my response to this comment about Tyndale Bible Translators’ (TBT’s) new, external board at our January 31st board meeting. Each member has a different skill set to help us build TBT. Even with the blessing of these amazing individuals volunteering their time and talents, please pray, because we need God’s hand of blessing. You can check out the Board of Directors’ bios on our website: <https://tyndalebibletranslators.org>

## Progress Update

- TBT now has **three missionary families**.
- In November, TBT got a **new, online EFT giving site option for bank-to-bank transfers**, along with many other website improvements our IT volunteer made.
- Dave Raube flew to Papua New Guinea (PNG) mid-February to train our Kamano-Kafe team to do the first 100 water filter installations in villages. **Thank you for giving to the clean water project** to help PNG families and reduce infant mortality.
- The Kamano-Kafe team finished audio recording Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy, and is currently recording Joshua.
- The new, improved second English version of the sorcery movie is now on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0hdONYa8all>
- It has been so gratifying to see missionaries and PNG churches using the sorcery movie as an outreach tool. For example, in February, a pastor showed the movie, gave an invitation afterwards, and over a dozen accepted Jesus. This is exciting because when we added the scene where a pastor gives a salvation message, one team member responded, *“It is never appropriate in a sorcery village fight situation for a pastor to share the gospel.”* I, Rich, had replied, *“If I were Satan, I’d smile, because I’d have your culture right where I wanted you: everything going up in flames, people dying, and pastors unable to share the Gospel ‘because it was the wrong time.’ So who made that rule that you can’t share Christ except when everything is peaceful?”* The team decided to include that scene in the movie. **Please pray that more Gospel invitations are shared at more movie showings.** Cultures are always changing, but are they moving in a positive direction towards God?
- October through February: we have shared 41 presentations in 12 churches and 5 home groups, also spoke 7 times to 4 AWANA groups, had TBT meetings, and visited/called as many partners as time allowed.



Feb. 20: Kossack took this photo of the Kamano-Kafe team during tea break in the room where they are recording Old Testament books.

## **“Rich and Joyce, what changes have you seen in the USA and churches?”**

When we return to America on furlough, people often ask us this question. Some churches have fewer in attendance (especially fewer younger people). The growing churches seem to be growing because of multi-generational and outward ministry focus. Most of the churches we’ve been in are returning to a recognition that the focus of the church is not great music bands and performance, but members being equipped to minister locally and humbly serve others. We are noticing a growing rediscovery of the need for long-term foreign

missions. **We appreciate those of you who have advocated for us to get into the hardest age to find speaking opportunities: middle and high school age groups.** Your advocacy and perseverance is paying off, as we now have six youth groups and chapels lined up (that’s double from last furlough)! We think that part of the reason we haven’t been able to speak to youth groups is that this current generation of youth workers only had exposure to short-term mission trips. Our youth need to be challenged with a renewed vision for long-term missions and tithing to support those who go.

## **Another change...**

is the new US Government tax law that requires over \$24,000 in deductions to itemize, so many people will no longer get deductions for charity/tithing. That means **tithing for Americans is moving back to a more sacrificial, spiritual discipline.** Many missionaries are struggling to get enough support due to faithful, older partners who are passing on to Heaven. Most of our financial support team are in their 60s-90s now, and seven graduated to Heaven last year. We notice that far fewer under 60 are reaping the benefits of tithing. From our observation, a vision for long-term missions and the blessing of tithing are the greatest teaching challenges for Christians under 60 to learn. In past years, we have been so blessed by a few partners who even planned with their children and spouses to continue supporting us after those partners passed away. Would you consider having a tithe talk with your younger family members? Tell them to start small. Rich started tithing \$10 a month in college, Joyce started tithing 10% as a child. Even non-Christians now report that giving gives joy.

**We want to thank you for your faithful, long-term partnership with us in ministry!** We are so grateful for those of you who increased your support within the last year, which has helped us a lot during this time of transition to Tyndale Bible Translators.

- ☞ **Praise** that the 2018 **Kamano-Kafe Christmas Camp sales** were higher than expected, given the weather and difficult drive into camp. **Nathan sold 171 solar-powered audio Scripture players** with Kamano NT & 5 OT books.
- ☞ Dave Raube flew to PNG February 19th. He will train Kamano team members to do **our first Clean Water Filter Project distribution in PNG villages**, and return to the USA mid-March. **Please pray for success**, which involves teaching the team to use a survey app to check reduction of family diarrhea and check for Bibles in homes.
- ☞ PTL—The Lord has blessed us with wonderful volunteers to help us continue to grow Tyndale Bible Translators. Setting things up in the USA has gone very well. However, in PNG, we are still facing delays....
- ☞ **Please pray fervently for our PNG Tyndale Bible Translators Association to get finalized so we can get work permits.** The PNG lawyer working on our Tyndale Association had an emergency surgery in January, and paperwork had to be refiled in February due to errors, so the latest estimate for completion is March 18. We need the PNG Assoc. set up so we can sponsor new missionaries' work permits, and to set up PNG Tyndale bank accounts and insurance.
- ☞ **Pray for our PNG Permanent Residency!** The agent (Florence) who was working on this last year went through a divorce, delays due to APEC meetings, and has left the port city. **We are now working with Kamano church and business leaders who have connections to expedite the application for permanent residency.** (We won't need to apply for work permits if this is granted.)
- ☞ **Praise for OT Progress:** The Kamano-Kafe team has finished audio-recording Leviticus through Deuteronomy since October. They started recording Joshua in late February, as well as showing the sorcery movie in villages and roasting/selling coffee in Ukarumpa. We communicate frequently using WhatsApp.
- ☞ PTL—the newly improved second English version of the **sorcery movie is completed** and will be distributed later to the provinces where English is spoken.
- ☞ **Thank you for praying for James' painful muscle condition, which is slowly improving.** He is still on pain medicine, which we can help pay for in Tyndale.



(Dec. 2018): Two ladies from Port Moresby, among those who loaded up on Kamano-Kafe materials at Christmas Camp. The weather made the road nearly impassable to camp. Nathan was only there two days but sold 171 audio Scripture players.

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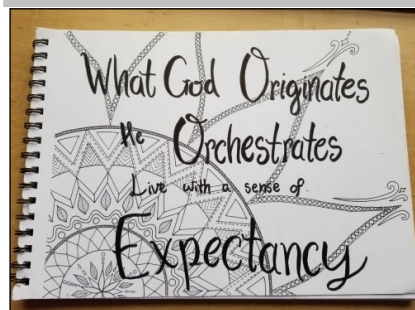
**Moving?**

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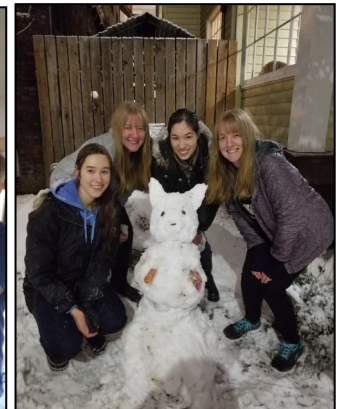
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☺ **Christa's Corner** ☺

- ☺ Christa: "Everyone seems to have an Instagram account for their cat (pause)...These cats have more followers than I do (pause)...I need to get a cat!"
- ☺ Christa: "The nice thing about being a vegetarian is that I have a smaller pool of options at restaurants, so it is easier to make a decision on what to eat." [Note: with few opportunities to eat out and fewer options in PNG, it is harder to decide what to eat in America.]
- ☺ Christa: "Good thing Jesus did not live now. If he did, he would have used football analogies and I would have been annoyed." [Christa did not grow up with football...PNG plays rugby and soccer.]



**Top Left Photo:** Christa's latest doodle-art creation.  
**Bottom Left:** Dave next to the TBT recruitment banner display Melissa designed.



**Above:** Christa (left) and UCU house gals showing off their snow cat after a Seattle snowfall in February. Christa said, "I had to move to Seattle to get a snow day! SFCC never cancelled classes in Spokane when it snowed!"

**Giving Options for Financial Partnership:**

1. For help, call Kim (Tyndale Office) at 971-231-4196.
2. **Online:** <https://tyndalebibletranslators.org/give/>  
**TBT also has recurring ACH/EFT bank-to-bank transfers!**
3. Or send a **check made out to Tyndale Bible Translators** with a **note attached** stating: "for the ministry of Rich & Joyce Mattocks" to:

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