

Mattocks Missionary Mosaic

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Tyndale Bible Translators PNG Association is Incorporated as of April 18th!!!

Praise God and thank you for praying! Near the end of this 16-month saga, the junior lawyer (after many bouts of sickness) moved to a new firm, returning the case to the senior lawyer. After two more weeks and several emails, Rich called, expressing frustration about the mistakes and delays the agency had made over the past 16 months; a week later TBT was incorporated in Papua New Guinea. Because of the delays, our SIL work permits expired in February, which means **we need to get new work permits before we can re-apply for Permanent Residency.** The TBT-PNG Association opened just in time to sponsor work permits for us and other missionaries God brings to Tyndale.

“When are you returning to PNG?”

ASAP! As of May, we started over with our THIRD agent to get our PNG work permits. Thanks for praying—please keep praying!! We will return to PNG as soon as the PNG government issues our work permits. Our target date was the beginning of June; however, we must wait on the PNG government agencies, so it may be near the end of July. We will buy airline tickets after we receive a tracking number on our passports being mailed back to the USA. Our PNG translation team really wants us back so we can finish translating the final 33% of the Old Testament. As pastors and evangelists, they get a lot of sermon material during team-revision sessions. In the meantime, they are now audio-recording Judges on the way to Psalms 36. Joyce pays the team using online bank transfers for both OT drafting/recording work and their coffee wages.

God’s Word continues to change lives in PNG! Nina (translator James’ wife) recorded the following message on WhatsApp: *“James’ uncle died. His cousin was very angry and wanted to find someone to blame for his death. He was thinking of killing someone to start a war between villages. James quickly bought him a MegaVoice [a solar-powered audio player with Kamano-Kafe Scriptures]. Later, he came to James and told him, ‘My life is changed. I will never start a fight.’”* We purchase these audio players for \$35 each and sell them for only \$5; even during slow-sales weeks, it costs \$105 per week to supply the Kamano team with players to sell.



Left: (April 27th) - Rich spoke to a multi-church, one-day annual youth missions event north of Spokane. Rich is showing a PNG coke poster, saying: “We have had a nearly 2000 year head-start on Coca-Cola, but more people know about Coke than Jesus!” The event included a half-day team challenge/ropes course.

Upper Right Photo:

Challenge course events require team work. The adult chaperones are practicing at a game board maze the evening before.

Lower Right: A team of youth balance 12 in. off the ground with arms linked together while sliding on a wire cable, trying to reach a third tree and not fall off.



Wax, a man from Usarufa (a small, bordering language group which speaks Kamano-Kafe fluently) showed the sorcery movie to over 200 people. At the end, many were crying, especially the widows. The people told Wax, **“Please keep showing this movie. People must get this teaching!”**

TBT now has three missionary families (including us).

Since Rich is Director of TBT, and there is much work involved in building a non-profit, we are both still working late evenings nearly every day. It is a passion for us to see God change lives through His Word. Because of the additional responsibilities of Tyndale, government paperwork and supporting our PNG team, this is really only a partial furlough. We are behind on contacting many of you who serve God as our senders. In April, we switched cell phone providers in order to get reception where we live in Puyallup. Our previous provider did not support Wi-Fi calling for our unlocked cell phones, which we need for PNG. The provision of the one-bedroom apartment in Puyallup has been a huge blessing and a peaceful place to work.

North American foreign missionaries have dropped by 1/3 since 2000!* THANK YOU to those of you who have *tenaciously advocated* to get us into youth groups to speak. From mid-March to mid-May we spoke in seven different locations to just under 400 junior high and high school students, challenging them to GO-GIVE-and PRAY! That is in addition to the same number of talks to AWANA and elementary Sunday School groups since last October. **Thanks for helping us challenge the next generation! Pray for fruit from these encounters to challenge students toward long-term missions.** It has been a rare Sunday when Rich has not preached or we have not spoken to a group. We are scheduled to speak through June 3rd, but since our PNG work permits are delayed, we hope to be able to spend June calling or visiting more of our partners. Feel free to call us too. (Our USA cell phone numbers are **Rich 509-414-3887; Joyce 509-414-3886**). **We appreciate your partnership! We also praise God for some new financial partners, helping close the gap for needed support to return to minister in Papua New Guinea!**

*Fred Merket, Center for the Study of Global Christianity, Seattle Missions Fest conference talk (22:27); <https://vimeo.com/298590472>

☞ **Please pray for our PNG work permits!** We need new work permits to minister in PNG, after which we can apply for permanent residency again. **Pray for us to get our work permits and depart for PNG by late June or mid-July.** The months of delays have been frustrating and taken many extra hours of our time. Many missions are struggling to get their work permits in a timely manner. As soon as our work permits are issued and our passports are mailed (via DHL) back to us, we will buy airline tickets to return to PNG.

☞ **PTL with us that Tyndale Bible Translators PNG Association is now incorporated as of April 18.** This gives us legal status with the government to sponsor work permits, open bank accounts, and serve more of the massive needs in Bible translation in Papua New Guinea.

☞ **PTL for housing this furlough** in Puyallup, which is near Christa in Seattle (attending the UW). Also, Joyce's brother, Cliff, lets us come and go from his house in Spokane (with our own bedroom/office space); this has allowed us to be more rested in the midst of many travels, speaking engagements, with needed office time while continuing to build Tyndale Bible Translators (TBT).

☞ **PTL for the volunteers and progress God has given to TBT.** The Raubes have been invited to serve at Faith Academy in the Philippines starting in July. The Nies, our third TBT family, have served Bible translation for five years with a maritime ministry in Melanesia. Pray that God will bless their efforts to raise funds for safe, more sustainable equipment, and to recruit others to serve alongside them in this maritime ministry. Safety is a real issue. For example, five years ago, Rich debriefed a fellow Wycliffe translation couple who nearly died in the ocean because the small boat they were in capsized.

☞ **PTL—the Kamano-Kafe team is working hard** and has about six more months of OT audio-recording to complete before they run out of work. They also continue to hear stories of changed lives as they steadily sell solar-powered Scripture players and micro-SD cards. **James is now healthy** after a mysterious, painful 7-month virus. Thanks for praying!

☞ **PTL—All 101 water filters are helping PNG village families!** The initial survey shows that many sick children were missing school. Tuas will complete the follow-up surveys in a few weeks. **Thanks for giving to this project!** We hope to also place water filters in more villages and with other national Bible translator families in other languages TBT will help.

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☺ **Christa's Corner** ☺

☺ **Christa:** "Everyone says you need to wait for God to open doors. This quarter [winter] I learned that sometimes God wants you to pound on the door rather than waiting for it to open." That comment came after God blessed Christa with her 'dream internship': volunteering in a **malaria research lab** at Seattle Children's Research Institute. After Spring quarter (getting just college credit), **Christa will be hired full-time this summer to work on her own malaria research project.** That all happened after an intense winter quarter, when the volunteer coordinator who held authority to approve or reject Christa's position became as hard to contact as the Loch Ness monster or the Sasquatch. Christa has 2-3 more quarters at the University of Washington before she graduates, and is still deciding when to take the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT).

☺ **Dad** (on the phone April 13th): "Do you think you want to do the Spartan Race again?"

Christa: "If it was during the summer. I have never been so cold or shivered as much while I waited for my teammates to complete obstacles."

Good clean fun?

On April 13th, Christa participated with a team from University Christian Union (UCU) house in a Spartan challenge obstacle course/race.

Top Right Photo:

Christa crawling in the cold mud under barbed wire.

Bottom Right: Christa and her muddy UCU team jumping the fire obstacle.



Left Photo: A view of the space needle from Christa's lab window. She extracts the salivary glands from mosquitos (which contain malaria parasites). The parasite in the malaria mosquito kills over 725,000 people worldwide yearly!

Giving Options for Financial Partnership:

TBT also has a **very inexpensive and safe bank-to-bank transfers option!**

1. For help, call Kim (TBT Office) at 971-231-4196.
2. **Online:** <https://tyndalebibletranslators.org/give/>
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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