

# Mattocks Missionary Mosaic

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## Visa applications are now submitted both in Port Moresby and Washington D.C.

**Thank you for praying! Our PNG work permits were awarded July 31. We are now waiting on our visas, our last step to be able to return to Papua New Guinea (PNG). Because I (Rich) am Director of Tyndale, my work permit took extra scrutiny and time. Our visas were submitted August 19th to the PNG Immigration Department. September 9th is the earliest date our visas *might* be granted (it usually takes an average of 3-6 weeks). I have already purchased changeable tickets to leave Seattle on September 23. We had hoped to leave the first week in June, but really need to leave no later than September 28th, or our tax home changes to our disadvantage. ***Please pray for a miracle to get our visas issued, then stamped in our passports in Wash. D.C. and back to us by Sept. 28!*****

***"I think God has wanted you and Joyce here longer to help build Tyndale Bible Translators."***

I heard that same comment twice: first from Dave Raube, our second TBT missionary (before he and Melissa left mid-July to teach at Faith Academy in the Philippines), then from James Nie, our third missionary, who sailed his boat back from the South Pacific. James and Gina Nie are on furlough and are working on the Melanesia Boat project (check it out online or find out more in our December newsletter). **Tyndale Bible Translators (TBT) now has five missionary units, including us: three families and two singles.** We are especially excited that God has given us a young, third generation missionary who chose TBT with the blessing of her family to send her as a teacher to PNG! Pray that we can support these servants well.

The Kamano-Kafe Old Testament audio Scripture recording and coffee roasting are going well. The team finished recording 2 Samuel in August, and has started on 1 Kings. During the three extra months we have been in the USA, God has graciously provided another SIL missionary to help us with the Kamano-Kafe Coffee SIL-PNG billing transfers (after the former friend doing the work left on furlough late June).

It has been a blessing from the Lord that our Kamano-Kafe team members also see the fruit from their labors. Kossack sent the following story to us on WhatsApp, complete with his own title (and photo, above)!

## Early Morning Start

(Written by Kossack Abuli, Kamano-Kafe audio recordist)

One morning in 2016, at about 6 AM, I was surprised to see a lady, Anna, at my front door. *"I have a problem,"* she explained, showing me her **AudiBible** [a solar-powered Scripture audio player]. *"There is no sound on it now,"* she said. *"Can you please fix it for me?"* I took her **AudiBible**, plugged it in and charged it for her. *"Now it works well!"*, I said.\*\* *"Thank you so much!"* she exclaimed with joy. *"This is where I get God's message for me. It strengthens me each day."*

It means a lot in our culture to have someone come to see you very early in the morning. It means they don't want you to go out before you can help them!

A few years later, on July 17, 2019, at about 9 AM, Anna took her solar-powered **AudiBible** outside to charge it in the sun. She went back at 11 AM to bring it back inside. She turned it on, and as she entered the house, while the **AudiBible** was playing, she asked her daughter to help her lay down. As she laid down, it appeared to her daughter that she had fainted. Her daughter went out to get help. When she and others went back inside, they found Anna had passed away with her **AudiBible** still playing [Kamano-Kafe] Scriptures.

When I heard the story, it was a great encouragement for me to know that someone can even die while listening to the Kamano-Kafe Scripture recordings I had produced.



Anna holding her **AudiBible** (PNG, 2016)

**\*\* Note:** Our Kamano-Kafe team discovered that some of the units in this audio player model have a glitch where they stop working until they are plugged into an external power source. Kossack was able to plug Anna's player into his truck-size battery in his village house, which is powered by larger solar panels that charge his computer and give him light for translation work. After this external charge, the smaller solar panel on Anna's player started working again.

**We praise God for the team of partners He has given us, for new partners and for those who have increased their support! Thank you! We are now at 100% of our needed support to return to minister in Papua New Guinea! Any extra support will go towards shipping ministry items, PNG Permanent Residency fees, and expanding ministry when we get back to Papua New Guinea.**

☞ **Praise the Lord that our work permits were issued July 31st. Please pray for our PNG visas to be issued stamped in our passports, and mailed to us before September 23rd!** After we return to PNG, we can apply for Permanent Residency again, since a current work permit is a requirement to apply. The months of delays and extra government paperwork have taken many extra hours of our time.

☞ The extra 3 months in the USA has allowed us to stay “home” in Puyallup more. We’ve been able to accomplish lots of Tyndale work in our quiet apartment above a shop in which a family graciously hosts missionaries on furlough. It also has a weight room in the garage downstairs, so Joyce has been racking up thousands of steps on the treadmill lately:-).

☞ Being mostly in one place for the last few months has allowed us to control our diet and exercise better. Rich has been getting amazing results experimenting with the Monash University research team’s FODMAP elimination diet on a phone app (for those who have IBS-D). We are both feeling well and ready to return to PNG!

☞ **PTL—All 101 water filters are helping PNG village families since February installations!** The follow-up survey results show that there has been a **decrease in family members suffering from diarrhea from 58% to 18%!!**

☞ **PTL—August 14th Tyndale was given another 250 filters (worth \$4250) for more PNG families from Give Clean Water,** the primary non-profit organization for Sawyer filters. TBT is covering just the shipping and duty expenses on these filters. Thank you for giving to the **TBT Clean Water Project** to help us with these costs!

#### **Right Photo:**

Christa dissecting a mosquito to extract the salivary glands from mosquitos (which contain malaria parasites). The glands are then ground to extract the parasites, which are then used for malaria experiments. Yes, Christa is wearing her sweater in summer because of the air-conditioning.



## ☺ Christa's Corner ☺

☺ **Christa:** “I like working in scientific labs because in the labs people don’t care if you are an introvert.”

**Dad:** upon hearing this comment, broke out laughing, knowing that Christa has been blessed with jobs in the past that involved working extensively with people where her *extroverted* fellow workers would point out the importance of being extroverted, which annoys the introverts.

☺ **Christa:** “I’m doomed...to carry my winter coat all summer! The metro buses are freezing cold. I even wear my coat in the lab because of the air conditioning.”

☺ God blessed Christa with a summer lab internship at Seattle Children’s Research Institute. **Christa was hired full-time this summer and then assigned to work on her own malaria research project** involving Mek/Erk protein kinase signaling in the malaria liver stage infection. Yep, you are going to have to ask Christa, because Mom and Dad are a bit clueless!

#### **Right Photo:**

Christa at the malaria lab bench at Seattle Children’s Research Institute (August).



#### **Bottom Photos:**

Liver cell infection experiment. Sign (right) says: *Keep the hood clean or we will publicly shame you.*



#### **For Personal Correspondence:** (Until departure to PNG)

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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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