



Give praise with me that the final verses of the Kamano-Kafe Old Testament were team-checked as of March 17. The consultant team was able to follow close behind our pace and have completed the checking too.

The recording team has completed 70% of the Old Testament audio recording. Pray for the next shipment of MegaVoice players to arrive so these recordings can then be loaded onto them and sold to the public. An alternative is to put the recordings on SD cards for use in cell phones. It is becoming popular to make phone ringtones that play Kamano-Kafe Bible verses! Pray for cell phone prices to come down.

Since mid-March I switched to the Gadsup language group (pictured at right) who are revising their New Testament, which was first translated in 1971. My role as the “English dictionary” is full of challenge and reward as we search the Scriptures together for the best choice of words and expressions to make the meaning clear and updated. There are two dialects in Gadsup, so the team works carefully to make it clear for all Gadsup speakers.

Several of you have prayed for my vision and need for cataract surgery. After much research I determined my specific needs cannot be met here in PNG. However, during a recheck of my vision on 9 March the optometrist here in Ukarumpa was able to achieve correction with lenses, which we had tried unsuccessfully on my prior visit in November. This time my eyes were able to be corrected for distance and for reading/computer use. Thus began a very long process of acquiring glasses in PNG.

I could write a book about it, but enough to say that I did get the “distance” glasses made successfully on 30 March, and happily I am no longer fatigued so easily. The journey to acquire bifocals has had many twists and turns (you’ll have to wait for the book on Kindle), and as of 9 April my newly ordered bifocals are being made in Australia and hopefully will make the cargo flight on 20 April directly from Cairns to Ukarumpa. Our aviation team is still allowed to fly cargo monthly (no passengers).

I have been humbled by all this experience as there are so many limits on resources, especially anything with health care here. It is a precious gift of grace that I can even get this outcome. When I work alongside folks who have so little material help or comfort in life, I bow my heart and simply thank our Father for His favor.

A final bit of news: I was backing away suddenly from an aggressive barking dog on the road and I fell. The dog ran away but I hurt my wrist. Please pray for my wrist to recover from a hairline fracture near the end of the radius bone (the one at the base of your thumb...very valuable in 1,001 movements) now limited by a rigid removable cast that I’ll use for 4 to 6 weeks. It’s amazing that such a device was at our clinic, in my size, and for the right wrist! This way I can remove it for showering, and for typing a long message like this one.

Thank you for your prayers and faithful support always.

On the Rock, Marina

