

# Mattocks Missionary Mosaic

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**“You’re back! I am so happy!”**

**Thank you for praying! We arrived back in Papua New Guinea (PNG) September 25!** Our national friends have welcomed us back with hugs and tears. They were also praying, knowing the huge endeavor it took to get us new PNG work permits and visas with Tyndale Bible Translators (TBT)!

**Please, will you pray for more TBT missionaries to join us?** We are working on our second PNG TBT missionary’s documents to join us; but we need MANY, MANY more people at a time when sending missionaries is dropping rapidly! We especially need co-laborers who love the Bible and people, who can work as team facilitators for national translators (who have only rudimentary English skills) to help them exegete and make translation decisions. Since arriving back in PNG, **we have already had nationals from six more languages ask us for help to translate the Bible...BUT,** we need more fellow missionaries to help them!

We have been amazed at how God sustained the Kamano-Kafe audio recording, OT drafting and coffee work during our furlough, and how He has continued to grow our national team members. Kossack told Joyce upon arrival, **“We wanted to be an example to others around us for others to follow.”** Other SIL people were also very impressed by the Kamano-Kafe team—their hard work, ministry and integrity.



## ***Water filters stopping divorces?!!***

A week after returning to Ukarumpa, I (Rich) asked Tuas about how he decided on which villages he distributed the 101 water filters to back in February. While on furlough, I had suggested several possible villages in several WhatsApp texts. Instead, Tuas chose villages which were not even in his home area, nor in the Kamano-Kafe language area. I was confused. Tuas responded, “Rich, I knew that the villages I chose had really bad water. They have no rivers, so the people are digging shallow holes for water; there is much diarrhea in the villages in that area. My fellow pastors told me that some of the ladies that married men in those villages just could not get used to the water, so they had divorced their husbands and even left their children behind because they were so sick that they could not live any longer in those villages.” [It is a cultural custom that the spouse who leaves and initiates the

divorce in the marriage has no right over the children.] “One of the older ladies in the village told me at my two-week follow-up visit [after the initial water filter distribution and training,] **‘Pastor Tuas, I no longer have diarrhea after all these years. Thank you! I can now live here happily, and I will die in peace because of this water filter.’**” [This is why the follow-up survey results showed a decrease in family members suffering from diarrhea from 58% to 18%!] Tuas continued, “The pastors have also told me that people have told him **how wonderful these water filters are, and that more people are coming to church just because they experienced this ministry outreach** being done by the local pastors who helped me identify the most needy families. My fellow pastors also told me, **‘Marriages have been saved because of the water filters!’** They have more families that still need filters, and they want to know when the next filters will be here.”

I (Rich) never thought that water filters were needed *that* badly! I thanked the Lord that Tuas hadn’t followed my suggestions! More filters are being shipped to PNG, scheduled to arrive around the end of January. **More and more shipping containers are being held up with longer delays and increased duties in the port city. Please pray for all our items to be released with fair duties and without delays.**

## ***“Hosea is missing!”***

At the same time Tuas was distributing and doing the water filter follow-up training and surveys, he received the distressing news that his younger brother, Hosea (who was an LPN and formerly worked at the Ukarumpa Clinic) had gone missing on a boat traveling from Bougainville Island with 13 others on a ministry medical outreach (for TB and Typhoid). The 20-foot canoe (with one engine) was lost at sea in June. Accidents like these are happening more frequently because there are no longer safe water transportation options between islands. Those who give to Tyndale have already received the enclosed letter boat letter from me (as TBT Director) with their monthly receipt. We are stepping out in faith to trust God to help us do the impossible: to raise funds for the **Melanesia Boat Project**. There is a great and growing need to serve both missionaries and needy people in Melanesia through adequate ocean-going transport. **Will you join us in this God-sized adventure?**

👉 Praise the Lord that we received our passports from the PNG Embassy in Washington DC on September 12th and were able to fly out of Seattle to PNG on the 23rd. We arrived in Port Moresby the 25th, had meetings with the PNG Bible Translation Association, then flew up to Ukarumpa on the Friday, the 27th.

👉 Please pray for God to help us get our TBT PNG bank account opened! We started the long process on October 2nd at the only bank in the nearest town of Kainantu. One of the application forms got stuck under a government office pile for a month, and then the only bank account administrator who does Organization accounts went on vacation for 4 weeks. We are probably going to need to re-apply the second week of December at the much larger port city branch. **Pray for all these organizations and businesses to do their work correctly and without more delays. Pray for safe travel December 8-14.**

👉 Please pray for partnerships with other mission agencies. Also please pray for successful experiments for Christa at the malaria lab.

👉 PTL the Kamano team has completed Psalms 37-102 since October 8th, when the team resumed translation. We do not translate in December due to Christmas Camp preparations and other team commitments such as loading the 320 just arrived solar powered Scripture players.

👉 **Kamano-Kafe Christmas Camp is December 22 to 28. Please pray for speaking preparations, camp ministry, safe road travel and LESS torrential rain this year!!**

## ☺ Christa's Corner ☺

☺ Christa: "I have problems riding my bike in Seattle. Everyone passes me. Even the grandmas pass me on their bikes! My gears are unpredictable; sometimes my gears shift and sometimes they don't, and my chain falls off." [This is painful for Dad who is 6,000 miles away and who used to rebuild bikes as a hobby.]

☺ Dad: "Were you able to find the elusive **UW Global Medical Missions Alliance Club?**"

Christa: "Yep! I went looking for them the day when all the clubs had tables on display. I even got to go to a meeting already!"

Dad: "Ahh...Is that a picture of you with your church group?"

Christa: "No, that's the medical club at the UW."

[The club was founded by a Korean-American doctor. Also, the church Christa started attending in July at the UW campus has a Korean-American pastor. So we have to ask which group she is in when she sends photos because she is the only person of European decent!]

### Right Photo:

(An Instagram post Christa clipped and sent us from another missionary who posted it on Instagram.) God has amazingly blessed our Kamano-Kafe coffee roasting efforts. Pictured here is a departing missionary, picking up his last order.



### Bottom Photo:

Christa is second from the right (back row) at a Global Medical Missions Alliance Club meeting at the University of Washington.



### Left Photo:

Joyce and 11.5 year-old Cinnamon reunited Sept. 27th after we arrived at our Ukarumpa home. (Our two other female cats were killed by dog packs in Nov. 2018.)

**Right Above:** God provided Joyce a 7-wk. female kitten, "Butterfly", on Nov. 16th to hopefully produce kittens again to bless our nationals friends.



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