

# Mattocks Missionary Mosaic

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## God's Word even takes back drug addicts!

At Kamano-Kafe Christmas Camp in December, a lady told us that she purchased several Kamano-Kafe New Testaments at the 2018 camp. After that camp, she returned home to the capital city of Port Moresby, and gave one of the New Testament books to a smart Kamano-Kafe drug addict living on the streets. **Praise the Lord, he read it, accepted Christ, started attending church, and is getting his life together!** She thanked our team for all our hard work. At the 2019 camp (Dec. 22-29), we sold 467 items, including 109 solar-powered, audio players. God blessed our shorter preparation time before camp. Kossack finished editing the audio files for seven Old Testament (OT) books the week before camp. We loaded/added those seven OT books onto the MegaVoice audio players and SD cards. God also helped me (Rich) build a new Kamano-Kafe Scripture app. After a half dozen emails to a technician in Dallas and multiple attempts, I was able to get the complex computer programs working together to build a new app.

**A mustard seed or a micro-SD card? God gives these little things power!** More Kamano-Kafe people have been purchasing micro SD cards. The translation team thinks the increase is because of seven more OT books added to the SD cards that people want to hear/read. The cards also have six Kamano-Kafe language Scripture movies and over 300 hymns, literacy stories, etc.

On February 7th, I took my 8th trip to the Kainantu town bank, to try to get our Tyndale Bible Translators PNG Association bank account opened. It took over 4-1/2 months and a total of 11 in-person trips to both Kainantu and Lae branches, along with many proactive follow-up emails and phone calls! That day, I also helped our Kamano-Kafe translator, James, get his children's school fees paid. Then I took James and Tuas with me for another two hour drive over many potholes to Goroka for other work. As I drove, James said, "Yesterday morning, when I left to go stand in the bank line at 6:30AM to try to pay my

children's school fees, the driver of the truck I was riding to town in asked me if I had another Kamano-Kafe SD card he could buy. I told him I did not have one with me. Then he told me that he had loaned his micro SD card to a young man who needed to get his life straightened out and off drugs. The SD card helped the young man accept Christ. Then the driver said, 'He has been using my SD card in his phone to minister to other young men, and he's now leading Bible Studies with it. James, I can't bear to ask for my card back because the one you sold me is being used in such a wonderful way. Please get me another card.'" That day, James had stood in the LONG bank line all day till 3 PM when the bank closed their gate in front of him. He was not served and he could not pay his children's school fees. I called him after 4 PM to get an update, and he was laying on his mattress in pain. The translation team then strategized a PNG cultural way to help James. The next morning: for me to ask the teller when I was in the shorter "business bank line" if my two translation team coworkers could

pay their school fees with her, as I needed them to work with me that day. She graciously agreed, and both James and Tuas paid their children's school fees. Tuas also came along with me to Goroka so he could install water filters for 20 more village families in the area with the donations TBT received this past year. Thank you to those **who have given to the TBT "Clean Water Project"!** <https://tyndalebibletranslators.org/special-projects/clean-water-filter-project/>

**On February 13th, the team finished translating the longest book in the Bible: Psalms!!!** All 150 chapters, 2461 verses, 10.63% of the Old Testament, and 7.91% of the Bible! We were in chapter 37 when we left for furrough in 2018, so it has felt like an extra long time. Psalms really stretched the team's vocabulary in Kamano-Kafe (a language that doesn't have poetry). They can't wait to audio record it.



Part of the translation team, *left front clockwise*: Franky, Korry, Nathan, Tuas, Rich (right back), James and Kossack (right front). God has been so good! **We now have all the Old Testament in first draft and all the books between Genesis and Proverbs team and consultant checked. Also, Genesis through 2 Kings is recorded now!**

👉 **Praise the Lord that the Kamano-Kafe team finished translating PSALMS February 13th and 75% of the OT is now completed. On Mondays and Fridays, Kossack has been continuing to record and edit OT books, and the team is in 2 Kings now.**

👉 **PTL— our TBT PNG bank account is finally opened and working online!!!** We started the long, stressful process October 1, 2019. Besides lots of **proactive persistence, patience and prayers**, it took us 9 in-person visits to the nearest Kainantu town bank branch, 2 trips in December to the port city of Lae branch and 2 to the Lae Govman Haus to get our TBT Tax Identification Certificate and number (our paperwork was lost on a government desk for 2 months), 74 emails and many phone calls to bank personnel. When we picked up our online banking passwords and codes mailed to the Kainantu branch, the mail had taken so long that the temporary passwords had expired; that took us another week of emails and phone calls to get new temporary passwords be able to use our online account at last on February 19. Picking up the electronic security code e-token on Feb. 9th at the bank was yet another adventure. **Please pray for all the PNG organizations, businesses and government departments to do their work correctly and without time-consuming delays on paperwork and legal forms.**

👉 **Please pray for TBT missionary, Kacia Ingraham, to be able to gather a financial and prayer partnership team so that she can come teach here at the Ukarumpa International School (UIS) Primary Campus in 2021.** She is teaching Kindergarten and getting her first year of teaching experience now.



*Above Left Photo:* A happy young man buying a waterproof hymnbook from Joyce, which she worked hard to get published in 2013.

*Above Right:* Loading the next batch of 12 MegaVoice audio players (24 minutes per batch) before 2019 Kamano-Kafe Christmas Camp.



## ☺ Christa's Corner ☺

☺ Dad: "How is Financial Aid Purgatory? What happened?"  
Christa: "Well after not having my emails or phone calls answered over the last four weeks, I went in person to the office. Sitting at the desk was my incredibly obnoxious and bossy small group project classmate from one of my classes that I mentioned to you. It's the one time I was thankful she was so bossy. I explained my problem to her and she went straight to the director. It's now fixed!"

☺ Dad: "Christa, any insights or quotes I can put in Christa's Corner?"  
Christa: "This has been an exhausting quarter. It's not a good time to ask. I'm not a quote machine."

☺ Dad: "Do you have any pictures?"  
Christa: "No pictures. Besides, the research says that if you take a lot of selfies, you are potentially narcissistic. I don't have any pictures because this quarter I have been too tired to take pictures."

👉 **Christa would appreciate prayers** over the last half of Winter quarter: For her daily load of assignments in her classes (especially her Spanish class), successful experiments in the malaria lab and writing her thesis, getting volunteer hours in at the hospital, and stamina. We occasionally get screen shots of her phone sleep app that at times shows only 4.2 hours of sleep because of the homework.

*Right:* "Yes, I know I said any plastic container that holds water...but?" Tuas is puzzling over a water cooler that we decided could not have a hole drilled into, nor filter installed. Pray that we will be able to locate a supplier of suitable buckets on this 7-million person island.

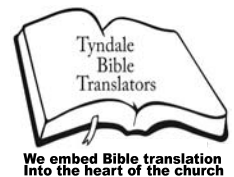


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1. For help, call Kim (TBT Office) at 971-231-4196.
2. **Online:** <https://tyndalebibletranslators.org/give/>
3. Or send a **check made out to Tyndale Bible Translators** with a note attached stating: "for the ministry of Rich & Joyce Mattocks" to:

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