

Mattocks Missionary Mosaic

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What happened with Christmas Camp?

Thank you for praying for Kamano-Kafe Christmas Camp! We did not tent camp this year, partially due to COVID and us two being so sick for weeks after 2019 Christmas Camp (probably with COVID). *Instead*, starting on Dec. 23rd, I (Rich) did four camp round-trips (16 hours of driving, half of it in four wheel-drive). Thank you for also praying for safe travels (driving during rainy season with lots of slick mud). A 75ish-year-old man I picked up on the highway (who was walking with the support of his umbrella), nearly hit his head a few times on my Land Cruiser ceiling as we were jostling around in 4x4 low. I finally had him put his seatbelt on and showed him how to hold the handles. On that first trip, I positioned Nathan with the camping gear and the Kamano-Kafe stock (Bibles, hymn books, SD cards etc.) to sell for the next eight days. Then I drove to camp Dec. 28th and 30th to speak twice on the grandstand, two hours each session. Camp moves around each year to a different location in one of the 283 villages, with different villages hosting each year. The change in location, weather, and (lack of) accessibility to camp can greatly impact sales and attendance. Because of COVID 19, the 2020 Christmas Camp had far fewer visitors from the port cities, and the loss of jobs in PNG impacted attendance and sales. *(I never saw even one mask.)* It did look like about 3,000 people were at camp. Sales of MegaVoice players at the 2019 camp totaled 109, and 89 players sold at this 2020 camp (again for the same subsidized price of K20 per player).

My camp director-assigned talks went fine on “spiritual and physical success.” It was good to be home at night and some days, because I needed to spend a restful Christmas day writing the talks. (Ministry has been busy, so I had previously not had time to pray think and write.) I talked on budgeting for the “physical success” 2-hour portion. I emphasized saving kina/money in five containers (for 5 categories). That apparently was a huge hit, given reactions from both the leaders on the grandstand copying down my notes after the talk, and later four other people told me that they were convicted to change how they are using their money. Just recently I realized I need to teach that budgeting lesson for our growing number of other language group Bible translation team members.



The Gadsup team has struggled over 10 years with starts & stops to retranslate their New Testament. Tyndale trained 3 of their church leaders in 2020 to consultant-check their NT for accuracy. Joyce, Rich, and Marina are now providing an English advisor check 3 days a week, and the supervision the team has needed. **Pray!-We need more missionaries to do this job in other PNG languages, who are begging us for help with revisions and OT translations!**

The MegaVoices and AudiBibles are doing AMAZING work for the Lord. We have not sold the AudiBible brand for over four years now (due to switching to MegaVoice players), but Nathan still replaced eight updated SD cards in the nonfunctioning AudiBible units people brought to camp and got all the players working again. Praise the Lord that we are seeing the 6-8 year old AudiBibles still working!! It is gratifying to see the buttons worn off these units. Also, we are getting compliments about the quality of the translation; that's about 15 years of training our team members and allowing them to call the shots on their work. Thanks for praying, because we are in a spiritual battle.

Just a few NUMBERS in our life...

594 out of 31,098 verses to finish the entire Bible!! **The Kamano-Kafe language entire Bible is nearing COMPLETION**; that's a 20 year dream and 16 years of tenacious work!! **Praise God!** The team check will, Lord willing, be completed by Easter, and the checking by the consultants who are only a couple books behind the team will be done by the end of April! Kossack is leading audio recording on Mondays and Fridays and is currently recording Psalms; **69% of the OT audio recording is completed.**

Marina Maimer, another TBT missionary here, is working with the Kamano team on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings checking the verses; and Rich is working with them in the afternoons. After the translation is completed, they will record five days a week.

We are also helping the **Gadsup translation team** check their New Testament. In February, we finished advisor-checking all **28 chapters of Matthew** and started Mark. Rich helps them check their Gadsup verses in the morning, and Joyce in the afternoon on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

5 -PNG language Bible projects:

Joyce is the Tyndale PNG finance administrator (a full time job); and Rich is working with about **31 national people on these projects.**

11 -The number of American missionaries in Tyndale Bible Translators. (We were the founders in 2017.) **God is growing TBT, but we need more workers in PNG!**

9 -The number of PNG people working in the coffee roasting project.

1 -The number of 5 million dollar boats we are asking God to help Tyndale build to reach Melanesia. Watch my 5:36 minute video at: <https://youtu.be/QSOBzbBZLu0>

Don't believe what your post office clerk tells you. No MAIL has been delivered since COVID-19 shutdowns in March 2020! International travel is becoming more and more restricted, which means that only life-threatening medevacs are allowed, so medical help in Australia is not available. Thank you for praying for us to stay healthy!

- ☝ **Praise the Lord** —The Kamano team started translating Micah mid-February. Only 7 Minor Prophets to go! Pray that we learn from them and finish well.
- ☝ **Please plead with us for the Lord of the Harvest to give us more workers for Tyndale Bible Translators, especially in PNG! We need more language advisors (like what we do with Kamano-Kafe) for other languages who are begging for help.** Joyce would also appreciate someone with book-keeping skills to join us on the field to help with the growing number of projects.
- ☝ **PTL—Tyndale has been asked by SIL (numerous times) to assist the Fore ('For-ay') language with their sold-out New Testament revision and reprint.**
- ☝ **Thanks for praying for Joyce's health! She is back to working out three times a week at the Ukarumpa weight room and goes on couple long walks weekly.** The large drop in Ukarumpa missionaries has taken away most of Joyce's friends, and Joyce would appreciate prayer for the Lord providing some more kindred spirit friends.
- ☝ **Keep praying for cell phone issues. Please pray that the phone network will consistently work!** Phone outages are getting worse, which makes it difficult to contact team members from the five language groups we are currently assisting.
- ☝ **Pray for funding for a Tyndale boat to reach people on the islands of Melanesia in the South Pacific!**



Above Left Photo: Joyce sewed a sturdy, denim grass-catcher bag for our lawnmower to replace the torn Honda bag attached to a metal frame. She also sewed new curtains for the Gadsup Ukarumpa translation cubicle.

Above Right Photo: What is it? It's a flashlight (upper left) shining down on our blue, 2004 Kamano-Kafe Hymnbook as a group in a village sat around a fire singing from it and recording their favorite songs.

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☺ *Christa's Corner* ☺

Praise the Lord that Christa is adjusting to life in Olympia and the early-morning work schedule required by her medical scribe job. She has been scribing for medical doctors and PAs that work on knees, hips, shoulders, and hands. She is preparing to start applying to medical schools in June of this year. After years of studying late into the night for school, Mom and Dad have been suggesting options to help Christa reset her circadian rhythm for work, such as "eat more protein such as cheese sticks in the morning to help with energy levels." Christa sent us this photo of a cheese stick with this caption: **Coming up on episode 15 of "My parents made me buy it."**



- ☝ Please pray that Christa will find a community and friends to connect with in Olympia, as this is especially difficult during a pandemic.

If you would like Christa's new address, please email Rich and Joyce: RichJoyce@Tyndalebt.org



Top Photos: Christa has enjoyed being out of school and being able to exercise her artistic interests. Many in Christa's generation are working on "side hustles" or second jobs. Her dream right now is to develop a sticker or art small business to help with future medical school expenses. Dad's suggestions of some slogans for stickers fell flat ...Any ideas?

Giving Options for Financial Partnership:

TBT also has a very inexpensive and safe bank-to-bank transfer 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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