

Mattocks Missionary Mosaic

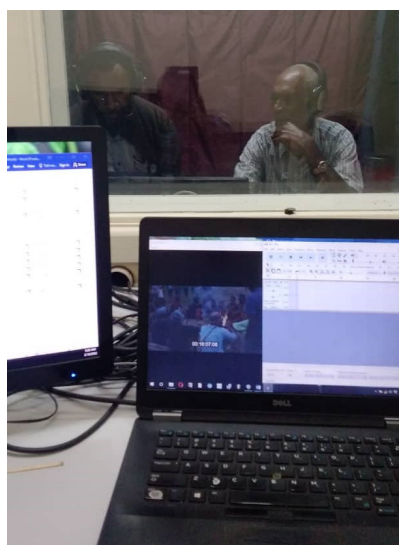
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“God, this can only be YOU!”

I (Rich) was on the cell phone in early January with Pastor Kenneth. He had been an excellent translator on the Gadsup translation team. However, in recent years, he had been pulled away into leadership by another mission agency, leaving a swath of hard feelings caused by the mission. When COVID started, that mission shut down, took his computer and left Kenneth in a lurch. Then this past year, two of his sisters died. Months earlier, I had asked the Gadsup team members if it was ok to work on restoring Kenneth to the team by asking him to draft (translate) Revelation. The first week in January, I was packing to leave PNG, but felt compelled to call Kenneth and check on his drafting. He said, “Rich, with [this other mission] taking my computer and leaving us without work, then my sisters dying, I’ve been struggling. My ‘stomach’ is just not motivated to do anything.” God put it on my mind to ask Kenneth, “Have you seen the sorcery movie in the trade language? What did you think of it?” He replied, “Yes, it was really helpful and our families had good discussions.” Then I ventured, “Kenneth, would you be interested in translating it into your Gadsup language?” Surprisingly, he replied, “Yes, I’d really like to try that. Can you get me a printed copy of the Script?” I told Kenneth that if he got any pages translated, to give them to Kennedy to type his draft into the team computer. As I printed the script, I wondered if

the pastor was just telling me a typical “Melanesian Yes”, and if I was just wasting time and money on paper and printer ink. I gave the 47-page script to a friend headed to the village, who then gave it to Pastor Kenneth. Amazingly, by the last week of January (after we had already arrived in America), the Gadsup team was reviewing the drafts, and on Valentine’s Day they started recording in the studio with Kossack from the Kamano team. Wow, God, you lit a fire under Kenneth and this Gadsup team! **Please pray for God to use this video in the Gadsup language.** This is the 6th language into which this Kamano-Kafe sorcery movie has been translated.



Kennedy and Muntera behind the studio recording glass. Kossack at the laptop.

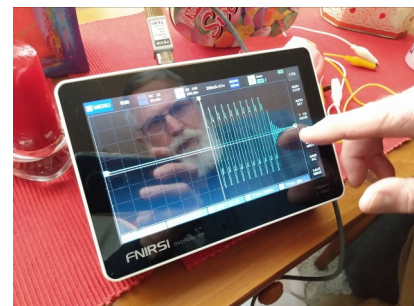
Where in the world are you, Rich & Joyce?

Spokane, since January 11. God gave us negative PCR tests at the Port Moresby airport, permitting us to fly the long way around the globe to the USA (Australia was still shut down). Two days after arriving, January 13th, we had GP physical exams and lab panels done (which show we have stronger antibodies than a booster can give). After getting cell phones set up, we spent many hours on the phone calling offices to

set up Joyce’s medical/dental appointments. Joyce had her first dental visit February 3rd, her first ophthalmologist evaluation the 15th, her colonoscopy the 18th, and got two temporary crowns the 25th. March 3rd, Joyce sees a dermatologist, and has two cataract surgeries scheduled for March 21 and 28. If all goes well, almost all of our medical work should be completed by the first week in April. Rich has been doing several things to help since his bad reaction after his second Astra Zeneca [COVID] shot (Sept. 24) in PNG. He got new eye glasses in January, four days of Ivermectin (now prescribed in a number of countries for Covid, including Japan and India), and daily doses of aspirin. But the most helpful has been his homemade “Tim’s unit” (named after our inventor friend, Tim). **What is it?**—an electrical science experiment currently under clinical trial, being tested on the nerves of people who have had strokes and people with Cerebral Palsy. Since Rich is over 50, and not in the USA long enough, he did not qualify for the study. So that’s why he contacted a friend (who had solved our coffee project inverter and electrical problems a few years ago in PNG). Rich sent Tim the research paper that had the wave forms and burst rate data. Months later, Tim had a working unit. Tim and his wife, Teresa, flew to Portland to see family, then drove north to Washington to meet us with a drill battery (powering the wave form generator unit) and an amplifier unit, which all fit in a large fanny pack. Joyce applies the wire pads and Rich gets nearly daily treatments that are helping his balance, and taking away the heaviness and paralysis issues in his legs.

So, what’s a typical day like right now for you here in America?

Joyce has been putting in many hours on the PNG bank site paying the language team stipends and annual children’s school fees for the national translators. February 15, Joyce was in a 2-hour ophthalmology appointment while Rich spent the entire time in the waiting room texting PNG team members, much of it solving problems relating to Jayson, our Coffee Canteen manager, who was robbed when the bus he was riding was held up. Jayson lost his canteen and cash box keys, our TBT water filter data collection tablet, and much more, just after as he was retuning from installing water filters to bless 30 village families.



(Rich & Tim): The science behind this was exacting, replicating the wave forms and burst rates of the medical study. Even so, we had a good time joking about BBQ and checking to make sure the fire extinguisher was ready. ☺

👉 **Praise the Lord that the Kamano-Kafe Bible is now sponsored at 100% of the needed amount to print. Thank you for giving and praying!** The Kamano-Kafe team is doing final read-through editing while we are in the USA for a short medical furlough.

👉 **Please pray that we will be able to return to Papua New Guinea the last week of May.** Joyce's work permit expires in June and Rich's in July. It is much easier and cheaper to renew in country (PNG). **Pray for fewer COVID travel restrictions, which continue to change, so international travel will be easier**

👉 **Please pray us over the Kamano-Kafe full-Bible finish line.** Like many translation teams who are into the final stretch to publish a Bible, we are going through a lot of spiritual opposition lately!

👉 **Praise the Lord! Tyndale has now accepted a translation couple from the Netherlands.** This family finished a New Testament in PNG. They will be able to help with our TBT administrative work load and translator training courses in PNG.

👉 **We thank the Lord for those of you who have bent over backwards to help us during this short 4.5 month furlough!** We are grateful to Wendy for hosting us in her house for a month, and driving us everywhere our first 11 days back until we could pick up a car from Joyce's sister, Carol. We are also thankful for a family just north of Spokane who are letting us live in their garage apartment since February 10.

👉 **PTL—God has provided all the medical appointments we need with short notice, cars, and since February 10th, a missionary garage apartment with a view of Mt. Spokane.** Praise God for helping us to purchase a well-maintained, low-mileage 2003 Honda Pilot at the end of January. With a lost title (of a deceased father), and the seller family in crisis, we spent many unexpected hours in ministry to them while trying to get the legal paperwork done correctly (and two trips to the Seattle area). **Does anyone have space for us to park this car when we return to PNG if we aren't able to buy some property?**

👉 **Will you pray for permanent housing for us to purchase in America?** We do not own a house or property in America, but are now feeling the Lord's leading to earnestly seek a house or property with a shed in the Spokane area. **If you know of something, please contact Rich at 509-414-3007.**

👉 **Water Filter Project:** PTL—The new team members, Jayson, Timothy and Andrew, are distributing water filters and have now blessed 350 families with them! We have no filters left to help more village families! **We are grateful for gifts given to buy and ship 220 more new filters to PNG. These filters are in two separate shipping containers that will take 4-9 more months to arrive in PNG.**

👉 **Praise the Lord that the Fore people are using the sorcery video and asking the team to hurry and get the Fore Bible text recorded. Pray for the pastor consultants to have time and good health to check the five books translated so far, so the team can audio record the completed NT books.**

We want to catch up with you to know how to pray for you! Our time in the USA is limited, however (3 more months until the end of May). If you want to see us, or talk with us on the phone, please call Rich at 509-414-3007 or Joyce at 509-414-3950. Pastors, Rich has a sermon/missionary report to share. If you have a date that would work to come share before mid-May, please call Rich.

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Please send address changes either to us, or to Joyce's sister:

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☺ *Christa's Corner* ☺

☺ Christa continues to scribe remotely for a psychiatrist in California, and since September, from Spokane. She also has a job helping a business with their website. Christa is praying about future education/direction.

👉 Christa will be turning 25 in May. We, as a family, have agreed that it's probably time to move to occasional prayer updates as needed, and discontinue this corner.



Photos clockwise: Top Left—village water source, a stagnant hole; **Top Right**— Lady filling bucket with water with filter. **Bottom Left**—families using clean water from newly installed filters; **Bottom Right**—men comparing the color in filtered and unfiltered water bottles. Waterborne illnesses cause 11,000 deaths every year in PNG, compared to 628 total deaths from COVID-19. Tyndale's Sawyer water filters create great excitement and an opportunity to share the Gospel. Each filter costs Tyndale approximately \$25 per family. Each family provides a container for the filter.

Giving Options for Financial Partnership:

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1. For help, call or text Kim (TBT Office) at 971-231-4196.

2. **Online:** <https://tyndalebibletranslators.org/give/>
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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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