

Kim and Annie Colich
Facebook Posts
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April 1

Yakobus is now the oldest living Tami and is basically the patriarch of the Tami people. He is 93 years old – that is VERY old for someone living in a village in Papua New Guinea. His eyesight is failing as well as his hearing. He came to our house yesterday and asked to hear the book of John. He listened to a few chapters then and I took the AudiBible to his house today to finish listening to the Gospel of John we recorded in the Tami language last month. To say he is delighted is an understatement. His grandson was one of the 2 men who recorded it. Yakobus can no longer read, but he can listen. There are younger Tami men & women who aren't good readers, but they can listen. What a great tool this is. It's basically like an mp3 player that utilizes a proprietary format and has a tiny solar panel that's built in taking up most of the back side (about 4 hours of sunshine will provide about 8 hours of listening). He has the volume up all the way so others get to listen at the same time... Pray that those who hear will understand and believe, especially Yakobus. Thanks.

April 5

He is risen. He is risen indeed! As they do every Easter, our Tami friends went to the cemetery for their sunrise time of worship – a fitting place to sing about the resurrection. I took the Audible along with some battery powered external computer speakers to the cemetery. While it was still dark we listened first to the apostle John's account of the crucifixion of Jesus in Tami – this was a first. And after some time to ponder those words we heard John's account of Christ's resurrection. Many are wanting to hear more. Please pray that hunger for God's Word would abound among the Tami. Also Monday morning around 9AM here, about 7PM (EST) Easter evening in the States, some local church leaders will be gathering in Malasiga to discuss the poison (sorcery) issue with the perpetrators. [this was mentioned in a posting last Fall] Please pray for wisdom, boldness and accurate and faithful handling of God's Word concerning this issue by these leaders. Thanks.

April 8

Well to make a really long story short... the meeting to address the charges of "poison" has been postponed until April 21st. Prayer requests remain the same. May Christ be exalted. I'll keep you all informed as things progress. Thanks for praying.
Annie arrives in 2 days - HURRAY!!!

April 13

I've been so glad Annie is here now I forgot to let you all know she made it safe and sound. Sorry about that. We were supposed to start working with the teams on editing Acts today but no one showed up... frown emoticon It is often slow getting the work started up again. Please pray they will be motivated and faithful. Thanks.

April 28

Annie has begun a 6 week teaching series with the village women on the "I AM" statements Jesus makes about himself in the Gospel of John. In the first study they listened to the story of Lazarus in John 11, using the recently completed audio recording of John, and then focused on two words: Mataloalai (LIFE) and Wajewin (Believe). At the end she gave the women the opportunity to answer the same question Jesus asked Martha, the sister of Lazarus, after she heard Jesus' amazing words, "I AM the Resurrection and the Life". He asked, "Martha, do you believe this or not?" Annie told them they could not run away

from this question that morning. They had 3 possible responses: “ No, I do not believe” ; or “I don’t believe yet- but help me, Lord, to believe.”; or “Yes, Lord, I believe”. She set out papers and markers and said if anyone had said, “Yau awajewin” (I believe), they could come up and write it on the papers if they wanted to. Many of the 40 or so women left afterwards, but approximately 10 stayed around and eventually began coming to the table and writing “Yau awajewin Yesus” on their papers. I was so moved! There was a tangible feeling of peace and joy among us. This is a picture of several of these Tami women acknowledging their belief in Jesus. Please be praying for them! And for the next 5 weeks as they look together at other I AM statements that Jesus made. This week they will study I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. God IS at work here!

May 6

Sorry for the delay - we're not on FB all that often... We are fine. Yesterday's 7.5 was a big one. That and most of the activity in PNG lately has been in Kokopo, East New Britain Province - and we're a long way from there, thankfully. Thanks for asking!

May 6

Annie’s study on the Good Shepherd today with the Tami women focused on obedience. Again she gave them the opportunity to respond the message. Nearly all of them came forward and put in writing, “Yao si nataguc yao neŋ opaop lamec.” (I will follow my good shepherd). Listening to the recording and reading many verses from the Gospel of John are having a strong impact on these women. Pray that it will be a lasting one. Thanks.

June 13

The Gospel of John was dedicated in Malasiga village on May 31. It was a beautiful day of rejoicing and celebrating the Word of God in the Tami language! This picture is of Yaking, our translation committee chairman on the right, and Katepu, our long time friend and co-translator on the left. Yaking spoke powerfully to his people during the dedication ceremony . About the book of John he said, “This talk is Jesus. This talk is true talk, Holy talk, pure talk. This talk is Life! To those who receive and follow these words correctly, God will come and dwell within them and remove darkness from them, and give them light and life. God’s words will help all who believe and hold tightly to them.” Afterwards, in an impromptu ‘interview’, Katepu told us he rejoiced that his people finally had the words of John in their own language after many years of very hard work! He said, “We give thanks to God who watched over us and Kim and Annie, and gave His strength to us.” The life-giving words of this powerful book are in the hands of many Tami people today, in printed form as well as on Audibibles and cell phone SD memory cards. God has begun a good work, a new work, in some of these precious hearts. Believe with us that this work will continue and produce much fruit, for the glory of our God!

July 16

Isaiah finally got to meet grandpa and see grandma again! Isaiah loved them right away 😊. It's sooooo good to have them here!!

July 18

We arrived early morning 3 days ago and doing better, but still dealing with jet lag. Such a joy to be here again with family and friends that we (at least I, Kim) have not seen for almost 3 years... *smile emoticon* We'll be sharing at different churches 3 of the next 4 Sundays. Thanks for praying us through!