

# The Colich Chronicles

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Dear Family & Friends,

Our bags aren't packed, and we're not ready to go (yet), but we have purchased our tickets and we will be starting our return journey to Papua New Guinea on March 8<sup>th</sup>. So much to do between now and then. So much to give thanks for. We are excited.

More exciting news: I had mentioned last update that at the end of 2012 there were finally less than 2,000 languages needing God's Word translated (1,967). Well there are currently 2,075 Scripture translations in progress, and so for the first time ever there are now more translations in progress than there are languages needing a translation project. Wow!

The last Bible translator needed may very well be alive today – he might be your 3 year old son or nephew, or she might be your 7 year old daughter or niece. Can you imagine that? In his or her lifetime, maybe in ours, the last Bible translation project will be started – perhaps finished!

More good news. We were in Virginia last month for a couple of weeks spending time at a missions conference at Community Church of Chesapeake. They provided for us the necessary funds to purchase our replacement water tank at Ukarumpa – plus extra to go toward replacing our solar system in Malasiga village! Another Wow!

I'm thinking we likely won't be sending out another update until we are in PNG, so we wanted to take this opportunity to say "Thank you" again for praying and giving and being faithful to what God has called you to do. Yesterday I read in Luke 4 where Jesus said, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent." [Lk 4:43 NIV] And we are so thankful to the Lord, and to you, to be able to return next month to our ministry of Bible translation and literacy among the Tami, for that is why we were sent.

With much love, excitement, and thanksgiving,

Kim & Annie