

Spring/Summer UPDATE — May 2018

Dear Friends and Family

We had an exciting stay in Malasiga village during March-May. We are thrilled to report that we completed the first draft of the Tami New Testament! We met with our four Tami co-workers and translated together the remaining 4 verses, 2 Corinthians 13: 11-14, finishing the morning with a sweet time of prayer and tears together. We then shared a special meal (with chocolate cake ☺) to celebrate this huge milestone. REJOICE with us! So many of you have been significantly involved in this work through your prayers, financial support, and encouragement. THANK YOU! And THANKS BE TO GOD!

There is still much to do, but one half of the NT is completely ready for publishing, and the other half is in various stages of checking in preparation for the final consultant checking. We would also like to publish Psalms with the NT. 50 Psalms have already been translated, and the rest have been divided up among the 5 Tami translators as 'homework' for while we are on furlough. Please pray for their faithfulness in this task: Katepo, Tangalau, Amui, Gwanic and Pastor Ongengsa.

Just days after we left the village, Katepo, one of our main translators, was admitted to the hospital with an 'unknown' illness. Please pray for health and safety for all of our co-workers. They are very aware that as servants of Yesu they are front line targets for attacks from our powerful enemy. BUT, "greater is He who is **in us!**"

The 'Culture meets Scripture' Workshop we held the end of April was faithfully attended by over 60 Tami men and women from all 4 Tami villages. Some of them were exposed to the translated Scriptures for the first time, and many were strongly affected by God's words in their own language. The workshop was very powerful. We have yet to see what God will do in these Tami communities as a result. But for now we can say that many, many lives were shaken, challenged, encouraged, and blessed by this call to evaluate both their personal lives as well as their cultural norms as a people group in light of the truths of God's Word. Please pray for God's guidance and power to be at work as they process the immense amount of information they were given, and seek to apply what they learned.

The old man in the study group photo gave a 'testimony' at the end of the workshop. He said, "This course has been very good, like a new seed has been given to me. I am an old man now, and when I die and my hands are folded across my chest, I will have no more chances to understand God's talk. I feel that my life on this ground will soon be over. But I still have a chance now to receive God's talk and learn about his ways."

We would greatly appreciate prayers as we close things up here at Ukarumpa, and leave for a 7 month furlough on the first week of June. The long and tiring travels get more challenging the older we get! We will be visiting our daughter Megan and family in Kosovo for 3 weeks on our way home. Can't wait to have lots of snuggle time with their two little ones, as well as the rest of the 'grands' in the states! We still have many unsettled details in our furlough schedule. Please ask God to go before us and give us wisdom.

May the ONE who continually shows Himself faithful on behalf of the one whose heart is loyal to Him (2Chronicles 16:9), be all that YOU need today.

Thank you for your faithfulness in praying and giving. We love you. 😊

Kim & Annie