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Dear Praying Friends,

The Brief Version:

- * **We leave for PNG on Friday morning.**
- * **Airstrips are still closed.**
- * **Roads now closed too due to heavy rains**
- * **Pray that I can get to Arop village on Friday March 13th**
- * **Pray software testing and training goes well**
- * **Pray for translation of Acts 4-8 in 11 languages**
- * **Pray for Bonnie's facilitation role in our biennial conference**

The Details:

We leave for PNG tomorrow morning and fly straight through Indianapolis-Las Vegas-Los Angeles-Auckland-Brisbane-Port Moresby, arriving Sunday afternoon PNG time. After an overnight, we continue on to Ukarumpa on Monday.

On Friday March 13th, I hope to go to Arop with Nathan Miles of United Bible Societies. Currently, the road to the village is blocked by a landslide and no airstrips near our town are open. We may have to go to Arop by sea, and possibly from a town farther away.

*** Pray that at least one of our airstrips will be open by the 13th, and that we will be able to get to the village safely from there.**

During the following week, we'll be testing the new translation software (Paratext 7), which we hope will make it much easier for us to work together on the eleven translations, and make it much easier for me and the other consultants and advisors to help the translators from a distance.

*** Pray for wisdom for me and Nathan in training the translators on the software, and for Nathan in evaluating potential changes to the software, especially the part that lets us send our translation changes over email.**

That part is the most critical thing for our team.

*** Pray for an open airstrip for Nathan when he leaves on Monday March 23rd.**

After Nathan leaves, the translation workshop will continue for another three weeks until Friday April 3rd.

*** Pray for me, Emil, and Ben Pehrson as we finish getting Acts 4-8 ready for the translators to translate.**

*** Pray for the translators to have insight into God's Word as they translate Acts 4-8.**

While I'm in Arop, Bonnie will be at Ukarumpa helping to facilitate parts of our biennial conference. A friend sent me this today, asking people to pray for Bonnie: "Pray for Bonnie Nystrom a critical player for our Conference as our new "Facilitation Designer". She is making a long journey to join us, and she will need rest, traveling mercies, and a very quick mind to help us through a new Conference format together."

*** Pray for wisdom for Bonnie and other leaders as they endeavor to lead our large group in discussions that could lead to important strategic decisions for the future of Bible Translation in PNG.**

Bonnie and I are schedule to return to the US on April 16th, the day after Tax Day.

This morning a good friend sent an email today in which she prayed for us. Her prayer reveals a lot of insight into what we really need right now. Maybe you can say amen to her prayer:

"Dear God,

Thank you for this chance for John and Bonnie to go to PNG.

I pray that you would help them as they are packing today. Help their hands to find the things they need to take. Help their minds to prompt them to take what they will need for this journey. If they forget something, please remind them so they will have what they need.

I ask you to bring Yourself glory in the work they go to do.

I pray that the joy of You would be their strength.

I pray for times of refreshing encouragement for them in the weeks that they will be away from their children and away from each other.

I ask you to draw them close to yourself - to be firmly rooted into You - the vine.

God, there are tremendous challenges ahead of them, but you have already gone before them.

Remind them of that when the need to remember that.

May they accomplish much in Your strength, may they bring encouragement where it is needed.

May they walk in your grace.

May your peace and Wisdom fill their hearts and minds.

May they be strong and courageous and not tremble or be dismayed.

Thank you God, that you are with them where ever they go.

Because you are the peace that surpasses our understanding, Amen"

Thank you again for being part of our team.

Serving our King together,

John Nystrom

P.S. While I'm in Arop, I will only be able to receive small emails. If you want to write to me, do. Just don't attach anything. I don't know if I'll be able to send out another update during

my time in the village, but I will try to set things up so that Bonnie can do that.

P.P.S. Sorry, no photos this time. I just don't have time for it today. I have attached the newspaper article about the flooding last weekend in Aitape, the town nearest to Arop.