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**From:** John Nystrom [silarop1@crmf.org.pg]  
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**Subject:** NPU: Big news from Ukarumpa and lots of good news from Arop

Dear praying friends,

Short version:

- \* Bonnie has been elected our new Executive Committee Chairman.
- \* Joe Anaput is feeling much better.
- \* A large local denomination to use Arop translation of Luke in Holy Week activities
- \* Translators move on to Acts 7 tomorrow, enjoy each having own computer
- \* Arop team has completed 1st draft of 1 Timothy.
- \* At least one local airstrip is open

Today Bonnie was elected the Chairman of our Executive Committee here in PNG. That's today's Big News from Ukarumpa. Our EC is analogous to the Board of Directors of a company or NGO. Pray for her and the new EC members (yet to be elected) as they plan for the future.

The latest word we have heard (2 days ago) is that Joe Anaput is back in his village and recovering well--feeling much better.

The dominant church in our area asked us yesterday for a copy of Luke in Arop (to be published later this year) so they can use it in Holy Week activities. Pray that the Holy Spirit will use it to penetrate hearts and change lives.

The translators are finishing Acts 6 and probably will start chapter 7 tomorrow. They are all happy that each one has a computer to use now, rather than one per team of two translators for each language. Today there were a total of 21 laptops in use on our porch--all running on solar power as long as it stayed sunny. The result of this is an acceleration in the pace of translation as one translator works on one chapter as his partner works on another. Some of the language groups that missed recent workshops are using the extra computer to catch up with the rest. Thank you to everybody who donated a used laptop in the last few months!

While I have spent the last few days mostly dealing with computer issues, the Arop team have been working on 1 Timothy, but now they and I need to finish getting Acts chapter 8 ready for everybody else. We didn't think they'd be ready for it during this workshop but this is a good problem to have!

This afternoon I heard that at least one of our local airstrips is now officially open. This means probably a 1.5 hour trip to Aitape on the sea rather than 4+ hours to Vanimo. When my friend Nathan Miles left last week, his trip to Vanimo took 28 hours as they were wind bound for almost 24 hours.

Thank you for praying with us!

John (for Bonnie and the rest of the Aitape West Translation Team)

