

Nystrom Prayer Update

Arop Village, PNG

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Please Pray For Critical Meeting Monday

Today I walked about an hour to get to Wauroiyn, Pastor Peter Marokiki's village to talk to him about a problem that has come up between him and Emil. The two of them have been working on the Arop translation since around 1990. The details are not important for me to go into here, but in August Emil got very angry and said some things to Pastor Peter in front of the other translators. Peter ended up packing up and going home the next morning. This incident was just the last straw; long-term problems and disagreements were left unresolved for years.

These men are working on the Arop translation, which is the source text for the rest of the translations. They are also the leaders the other translators look up to. So it is strategic for our Enemy to attack this particular team.

During our visit this morning, Pastor Peter offered to come to Arop One (where we live and where the translation center is) to talk to Emil with the intent to reconcile. There is a long list of long-term issues that need to be discussed, including differences about how the project's buildings and other equipment should be used, and how the Arop team should work together on the translation.

Pray for the Holy Spirit to work in all of our lives, that a complete reconciliation will occur, and that it will result in this team being able to work together and to show the other translators what true forgiveness looks like.

I have been checking the Arop team's translation of 1 Timothy. Pray that we all take these verses to heart: "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity." (1 Tim 4:12)

- Please also pray for Bonnie as she chairs the Executive Committee meetings at Ukarumpa, our translation center in PNG's highlands.



While at Peter's house, his daughter Hannah modeled for us this headband her Mother had made, with the colors and symbols of the PNG flag on it. You may remember the story about Hannah surviving the tsunami that I told in the Arop Lagoon Tribune I sent last week.