



## News from Malaumanda

Blessings to all of you that so faithfully pray for us. During these seasons of life and ministry we are constantly reminded of our need of Him, and the role that you all play in bringing us before Him in Prayer.

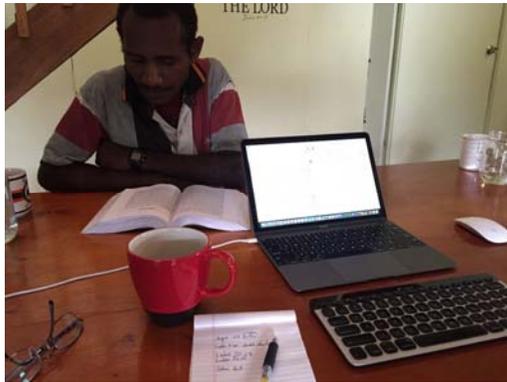
Just this past Friday I flew back from Malaumanda to Goroka. On our way we dropped off a few tribal folks from a neighboring tribe at a medical facility. It is the same location where Sakiyase and Losi are staying. What a joy it was to see Saki standing at the side of the airstrip after we landed. Losi and the baby are both doing great and should be heading back to Malaumanda today (Monday our time). Thanks again for your prayers.

Now you may be wondering how my 17 days in the bush went. Well, in a word great! That is not to say that there were some days when I didn't miss Judith and the boys horribly but God was good. Everything on the house that did NOT work last time worked flawlessly this time around. My health was surprisingly good during the whole time as well. Those are answers to our prayers.

My main purpose for heading into Malaumanda was to finish up the read through of the Malaumanda New Testament. We had to work a few evenings towards the end but we were able to get through the rest of the books. PTL!! A special note of thanks to Daina, Jim and Eten for sitting through long hours almost every day for 2 1/2 weeks. While I did end up a bit brain dead by the end of many days I have to say that



Saki and I at the airstrip in Kombiam. Losi was back at the hospital so I only got to talk to her on the phone.



What you need for a Translation revision. One godly man and/or woman, one well used copy of the NT, one good working computer, and coffee. Lots of coffee!

we were very encouraged after working through whole books at one time. Reading the whole book of Romans out loud in one day was something that I don't know if I've done other than once in 2014. It was an encouragement to me and I'd challenge every one of you to make the time to do that. I was also able to work through the book introductions during this time as well.

In January of this year there had been a Youth Workshop in Wewak and 5 or so Malaumandan young men attended. I sat down one evening with 4 of these guys and was both encouraged and challenged while hearing what they had learned. The believers in Mda are still so caught up in their traditional culture but I saw in these young men's eyes the possibility of change. On the second Sunday that I was in there I took the morning service and challenged them in much the same way. The way they treat women, the way they get married, the way they treat their children all needs to change but it will take some time and further teaching and discipleship.

There are many other encouraging things going on in Malaumanda. Education has always been a problem for the local community there. Thankfully one of the men there left Malaumanda many years ago and faithfully worked his way through the education system. He was able to complete both grade 12 and then teachers training so that he is now a recognized school headmaster. He has come back to Malaumanda and is in the midst of working with the Malaumanda community to open up a school. We are praying that this will be a very positive change for the dozens of kids in the area.

Thank you for standing with us in the ministry here.

Eric and Judith, Stephen, Daniel and Timothy



These are the four young men that I mentioned above. Tiya (on the left) is newly married and definitely the leader of this merry crew. It is great to see young men who have a genuine interest in following the Lord. Please pray for them. Left to right (Tiya, Andru, Sete, Sami)

### Prayer/Praise

- **Praise** that Judith and the boys were able to function well in my absence.
- **Pray** for our boys. Each of them is dealing with either academic issues, social challenges, or both. Nothing out of the ordinary but Judith and I are praying for wisdom as to how we negotiate through these waters with them.
- **Pray** for the resources that we need to attend our upcoming Sepik regional conference.
- **Pray** for me as I head into the bush again next week for 3 days to do a consultant visit in Maliyali. I have had the chance to be a part of every one of their evaluations which has been great. This will probably be my last such trip before we head back to the States.
- **Praise** for my time in Malaumanda.
- **Pray** for a vehicle for our time in the US.
- **Pray** also for the many transitions as we get ready to leave PNG and getting settled back into the US. That is no small feat.



The Malaumanda men cleared off the building site in a day, sewed up the roofing material while some of them brought in the poles, and then started putting up what will be the new double classroom building. They worked amazingly hard to get all of this done in just over a week. I'm sure the walls are up by now.