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Greetings in Jesus' Name!

Praise the Lord! We are all healthy and happy to be serving God in Papua New Guinea.

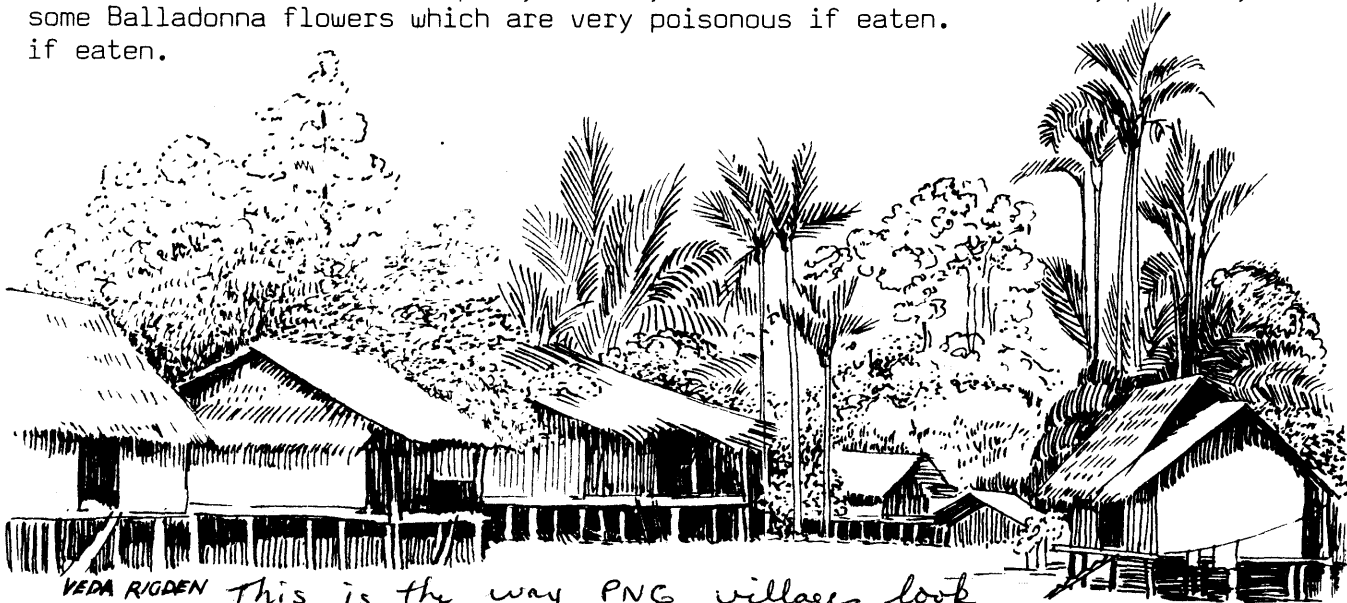
After much prayer and thought we have decided to go into Bible translation. We sent our applications off to SIL in Dallas to start course study in August of 1985 and now we are waiting to be accepted. We will need to take 3 semesters of translation courses before we can go into Bible translation. It is very exciting to watch God direct each one of us.

According to recent statistics approximately 45-50 translation teams enter new language groups each year. There are around 3000 languages with no part of the Bible; therefore at this rate it would take around 60 years until every language has a translation team. The average time to complete a translation is 15 years. Please pray that many others would hear the call into Bible translation.

In April we visited a translation team in their village for a week. Verna taught some Math classes to the men who operate trade stores in the area. She also typed several chapters of Romans which had been translated into the Barai language. I set up a bookkeeping system for the community organization which is involved in a pre-school, Bible translation and other community development projects. The organization is staffed and operated totally by the Barai people.

Jason and Jeremy attended the elementary school in the village for a few days. They also spent a lot of time playing with the village children. They enjoyed it so much in the village they wanted to stay there.

Jeremy gave us a bit of a scare when one evening he started acting droopy and staggered around and acted like a drunken person. Everything he said was very slurred and incoherent. We sure didn't know what was causing all of this so we called the doctor at Ukarumpa by two-way radio. He said that Jeremy probably ate some Ballardonna flowers which are very poisonous if eaten.
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VEDA RIGDEN This is the way PNG villages look.

We were never sure what he ate, if anything, but in several days he was back to normal. Praise God!!

Thanks for your continued interest and prayer for the work here.

In His service,

Bob

Bob, Verna, Jason and Jeremy.