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Dear

Today is a nice sunny day. Jeremy went to a horse show and Jason went to help kill chickens. I am trying to write 50 letters. When I do that, my creative thinking quits.

One of the biggest encouragements we've had, happened a few weeks ago. A PNG Christian man named Sopera came to see us here in Ukarumpa. This man had been employed by SIL's Printshop at one time, however, several years ago he resigned and went into full time ministry. The Lord has had a powerful ministry through Sopera and there has been at least one report of a dead person being raised back to life. Sopera has also started a Bible school in his language group.

In our discussion with Sopera we discovered that his people the Guhu-Samane, live just over the mountain range from the Tauade people where we work. Several years after the Guhu-Samane people received their New Testament, there was a powerful revival among them. Ever since then they have been on fire for the Lord and have been praying for their neighbors, the Tauade people. Two or three of the Guhu-Samane evangelists have been working in the northern end of the Tauade language area, and their desire is to spread their efforts throughout the Tauade area. Please pray that they will be effective for God in spreading His word to the Tauade people, and continue to pray for us that we will be effective in learning the language well, so that the New Testament translation into Tauade will be accurate and readable.

The past two months we have been busy typing all of our grammar, phonology, and anthropology data onto our computer. We attended a short phonology workshop here at Ukarumpa, where we received some helps in analysing the 'sound' system of the language. During the first two weeks of September we attended the SIL bi-annual branch conference. At this conference new PNG branch directors are elected and new policies are made.

Now we are preparing to go back to Soper for two months. Please pray that we would have willing language helpers to help check the dictionary that we have printed. Also pray that Jason will adjust to staying in the Children's Home and that Jeremy will be happier in Soper than he was last time.

Many of the translators own their own home here in Ukarumpa. This ensures that they have a place to stay when they come in from the village. It also means that they always move into the same house each time. This provides security for the children and eliminates some of the stress of the constant moving around. When translators are finished with their program and return to their home country, they sell their home to junior translators. The costs of these homes varies from \$15,500 to \$25,000 (Canadian funds). Please pray that someone would make available to us a low-interest loan, so that we could have our own house here in Ukarumpa.

Thankyou for your prayers, letters and financial gifts. You remain a source of encouragement to us. Without you we would not be able to continue this work. Thanks again!

Love in Christ,

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