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Dear Friends:

We left Canada the day the war started. We all made it safely to Papua New Guinea, including the computer. In Port Moresby we located John Keru, a Tauade speaking Bible School student. We asked him to come to Ukarumpa help translate. John arrived at Ukarumpa the following week and he and Robert began translating. They started with the story of Joseph in Genesis. John soon found out that he really enjoys this kind of work and believes God has called him to translate the scriptures for his people. This is an answer to many people's prayers!

Currently we are involved in a Beginning Translation workshop, where we are learning potential problem areas, solutions, and principles of translation. John is enjoying it too. Robert is training to be a translation consultant, so he has extra sessions in the afternoons, but he is enjoying it.

Our plans are to go to Sopus on April 2nd. We hope to check the Joseph story for comprehension with the people. Then on April 22 we will return to Ukarumpa and John will start a National's Translator Course. This is a course aimed at Papua New Guineans involved in translation. They learn exegetical skills, linguistic analysis techniques, translation skills, and yes, they have a chance to improve their English. After this workshop we plan to go to Sopus. John is coming to Sopus too and he wants to do evangelism as well as help translate the rest of Genesis. Apparently Tasi, the other Tauade evangelist we've talked about, is in the Sopus area now planting churches. We noticed when we visited Tauade settlements in Port Moresby, that more Tauade speakers had become Christians. We believe we will find this to be true in Sopus as well. We believe God's timetable for the Tauade people is now.

Jason and Jeremy have settled into their new grades in school. Jason in Grade 10 and Jeremy in Grade 7. Both seem to be enjoying school. School keeps them much busier here than it did in Canada. Extra-curricular activities for Jason include riding motorbike, messing with the computer, and tinkering with electronic, electrical, and mechanical gadgets. Jeremy's extra-curricular activities involve playing Nintendo, doing Chemistry experiments, drawing, and baby-sitting.

We appreciate the prayers and finances that you have invested in our ministry among the Tauade people and we believe that your investment will accrue benefits to your account, because God is faithful to reward his faithful ones. Pray specifically for our physical and emotional health, as the task is humanly impossible and at times totally overwhelming. Pray also for continued physical protection and provision.

In Christ's Service,

Robert & Verna Stutzman



John posing with Robert in Port Moresby at the Bible School. We praise God for the way all the details were worked out that we could meet him and arrange for him to come to Ukarumpa. God was definitely going ahead of us working out all the details.

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