

# STUTZMAN SUMMARY

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## The Attack

On June 5th it was one year since we were attacked in Sopu village. Our emotions are still mixed as we think back to the events leading up to the attack and the attack itself. We are grateful to the Lord for delivering us and sparing our lives. We also continue to have great sadness as we consider the Tauade people and the great darkness that engulfs them. We still believe that we made the right decision to leave the Tauade program and begin the Lou program. This past year has been a year of unprecedented abundance in our lives in contrast to the years we spent in *Tauadeland*. We identify with Psalm 66:8-12.

Praise our God, O peoples,  
let the sound of his praise be heard;  
he has preserved our lives  
and kept our feet from slipping.  
For you, O God, tested us;  
you refined us like silver.  
You brought us into prison  
and laid burdens on our backs.  
You let men ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and water,  
but you brought us to a place of abundance.

At this time we still don't understand all the 'why' questions. Why did God lead us to Sopu in the first place? Was it only to test us and refine us or did we plant seed that will someday sprout? We don't have the answers, but we do trust our God. We know that he loves us and has our lives in his hand. The important thing is that we walk in careful obedience to his calling. We were obedient in going to Sopu; we were obedient in leaving Sopu; and if God should call us to return to Sopu, we pray we will be obedient then too!

## Lou Translation Project

We are very happy to report that Solok Pwaka, our Lou co-translator has finished translating the book of Ruth. It is very exciting for us to see such enthusiasm and rapid progress among the Lou people. Both the books of Ruth and Jonah are now in first draft. Soon they will be in the hands of the people as a trial edition. We will be checking for accuracy of translation, for clarity in communicating in Lou language, and for the readability of the trial orthography.

In July there will be a Literacy Workshop in Lorengau, the capital of Manus Province. We hope that several Lou speakers can attend and learn more about writing, reading, and teaching reading in their own language.

## King's Kids Olympic Outreach

Jeremy is excited about leaving for Europe on June 18th. The Lord has brought in all the money he needs for the trip. Jeremy has packed his suitcase and is counting the days. He has worked very hard at maturing, both spiritually and emotionally in the past few months. We believe that this experience has been and will be a big turning point in his life. He is fourteen years old and he wants to work with children and youth in some kind of Youth Ministries when he grows up. We praise the Lord because he is faithful to take care of our children as we leave them in his hands.

## Our Plans

Robert has finished his work as the Director's Assistant for Finance. He still bears the title of Branch Treasurer, but this is not a full-time position, so he is back 'in the saddle' doing language work. We are planning to

leave for Lou Island on June 24th. Since this is during school break, Jason will accompany us. We plan to be there until August 29th, when we'll return to Ukarumpa for Branch conference. Jason will return to Ukarumpa on July 14th to start school.

We plan to focus on language learning and analysis. We want to check the books of Ruth and Jona and plan for further translation work. We also want to train some Lou speakers to write in their own language. We also think it would be nice if we could build a small village house, so that we'd have a place to live and work. Please pray that house-building would work out and that our other goals for the language project could be met. Above all pray that the Lou people would see Jesus in us and be inspired to live for him. Pray for protection for us as we travel across stormy seas in an open speedboat. Pray for our boys, that they would have success in their school work as they live in the Children's home.

We love you and appreciate you for your faithfulness in praying for us and sharing your material blessings with us. We pray God's blessing on you.

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