

♦ Stutzman Summary ♦

Ukarumpa ♦ Papua New Guinea ♦ March 1995

Our Family

Jeremy started eleventh grade in January. He is doing a work-study at the Auto Shop. This means that he spends about 2 hours a day doing mechanical work on vehicles, motorcycles, and other small engines for school credit. He absolutely loves it. This experience has given him new direction for his future. He is now planning a career in auto mechanics. Since Le Tourneau University offers an Associate degree in Automotive and Machinery Technology, he hopes to join his older brother there after his High School graduation.

We are also pleased to announce that Jeremy received his U.S. citizenship in December. Now both our boys have dual citizenship with Canada and the U.S.

Jeremy made the boys 'A' softball team this term. The team did very well, winning the championship for the Eastern Highlands province.



Jason continues to study Computer Science Engineering at Le Tourneau University. His post office address is Box 7001, CPO 757, Longview, TX. 75607-7001. His e-mail address is 73551.1177@CompuServe.com.

Our Work

If you have been following our plans for the Lou Translation Program, you undoubtedly are aware that our plans have been frustrated time after time. Things finally came to a head this past December and January. Once again our plans to go to Lou Island fell through. Our director decided that it was time for us to pull out of the Lou program, as it was clear that the Lou people didn't really want us to help them translate the scriptures into their language.

In January Robert and Don Toland, our Regional Director, went out to Lou Island to inform the people of our decision and dispose of our possessions. No one expressed any regrets. In fact, Narko, our committee chairman seemed relieved that he didn't have to continue trying to get the people to help him build our house.

At the same time we also sent some sample pages of the first chapter of Luke in the Lou language to several Lou men. We had generated this scripture with the computer program, Carla, which we mentioned in our last newsletter. We invited several of these men to come to Ukarumpa and work with us in completing the Carla setup, in order to generate scripture in more fluent Lou. We offered to pay their transportation and accommodation here. So far we have had no responses.

In the past few months we have been very busy helping other translation teams. Verna set up the Halia language to Nehan language adaptation using the same computer program, Carla, for the translation team working in the Nehan language project. She has also given consultation help to several other teams who are planning to use Carla to speed up the translation process.

Robert has consultant-checked several books of the New Testament for various translators, besides doing some finance projects. Currently he is also training some new translation consultants.

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Broken Dreams

As children bring their broken toys
With tears for us to mend,
I brought my broken dreams to God
Because he was my friend.

But then instead of leaving Him
In peace to work alone,
I hung around and tried to help
With ways that were my own.

At last I snatched them back and cried,
"How can you be so slow?"
"My child", he said, "What could I do?
You never let them go."

Author Unknown

Our Future

We are planning to return to North America this June and take up assignments at the International Headquarters for Wycliffe in Dallas, Texas. Please pray that we will be able to release our broken dreams to our Heavenly Father and trust him to give us new dreams.

*Love,
Robert & Verna*

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