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*You are an*  
encouragement to us. It shows us your commitment. And that is what Bible translation is all about. Without commitment it would be impossible to complete a Bible translation project. We pray that God will help us to have the necessary commitment when the going gets tough.

We are living in a different house than we were when we sent our last letter. This house is much more North American and therefore we are much more at peace with life. This demonstrates the fickleness of human beings - that one's joy and happiness is so easily affected by one's environment.

Jason and Jeremy are back in school. They seem to be enjoying being here very much. Life here is really a boy's life - climbing trees, riding BMX bicycles on hilly dirt tracks, floating down the river on inner tubes, playing with varied and strange insects, etc. They also have been blessed with a puppy of their very own. We call her Angel. She is a Bouvier Belgium Sheep dog. These dogs are known for their great attachment to humans and their ability to protect their owners. This is the first dog we have ever owned and we are quite excited about having her.

In just two weeks time we will be leaving Ukarumpa and flying to Madang for that 'much dreaded Jungle Camp'. We will have eight weeks of language and culture learning classes, along with survival hikes and overnight bush camping, and swimming in a crocodile infested bay. The second phase of Jungle Camp involves living in a native village for six weeks. We are preparing to spend this time with the Nek language group. This is the language group that we feel God is calling us to. The last week of Jungle Camp is spent back in Madang with the other campers in group sharing of experiences. In all of this we will be issued only a minimal amount of supplies, equipment, and food. "My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into divers temptations, (trials and testings); knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that you may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." James 1:2-4. Oh, I feel that I'm about to fall into these testings and trials!!

Please pray that the Lord will continue to keep us healthy. And please send us a letter during the next three months.

We love you,

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