

Stutzman Summary

Cedar Hill, Texas

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Verna's trip to PNG

On Jan 2nd, Robert took me to the Dallas-Fort Worth airport to board a plane for Australia. Peggy, my traveling companion and I landed in Melbourne around 20 hours later. We left snow and ice to be greeted by hot and humid temperatures. We spent several days at Kangaroo Ground, SIL's training school in Australia. I helped the linguistic computer staff there with some problems they were having.

A few days later we left for Papua New Guinea. The purpose of our trip was to teach a LinguaLinks workshop for two weeks to Bible translators. LinguaLinks is computer software to help translators do a linguistic analysis of the native language they're working on, help them produce a bilingual dictionary, and manage their language data.

We had 21 translators in the course, which represented 14 different Bible translation projects. I also helped 7 translation teams move their existing language data from an older program format into the LinguaLinks format. The course was an overwhelming success and I have been invited back to PNG to do another course next year!



I arrived home on Feb 2nd. It was great to come back home after being gone for a whole month.



On the home front

Robert continues to work on the comprehensive testing question project. The other members of the team have all either retired or left, so he's all alone to complete this daunting task! In addition, he's often called upon to edit other materials. There's never any lack of work!

Jason and Anna are expecting their first baby any day now. We're all excited about this upcoming event. Since they didn't want to know whether it's a boy or girl ahead of time, we're all eagerly awaiting the day!

Jeremy continues to wait for his trial at the Vista Detention Center in Vista, California. Please pray for him.

Thank you for your prayers, your financial support, your letters and Christmas cards. We pray God will bless you as you partner with us as we partner with Bible translators all over the world. We feel so privileged to be given work that we enjoy, work that is meaningful and that furthers the work of Bible translation around the world. **We hope that you feel privileged as well for the opportunity to partner with us.**

*Love,
Robert & Verna*

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