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Training Bible Translators By Larry Doyle

The Translator Training Course is going well. The Solos translation program sent nine people, with several others not being able to come due to illness and other factors. We even had one surprise team member show up. We welcomed him to the team, since he has the enthusiasm to come to a 6-week course without any urging from us or the other team members. Three existing language teams sent one to three people each.

Larry is busy every day mentoring one Solos group of three, while at the same time keeping tabs on the other two Solos groups. Thankfully, two experienced Bougainvillean translators from related languages volunteered to mentor them. Larry is also the co-teacher for the Study Skills section of the course, teaching such things as how to use dictionaries and concordances as well as introducing the participants to a wide range of Bible resources, background material, and research methods.

In the course the team is going step by step through a very practical translation method, practicing on Joshua chapter 2. They are also frequently studying their own language for ideas on how to better translate. Early in the course they also looked closely at the background of geography and culture at the time of Moses and Joshua. As we approach the end of the course, we're working toward checking and printing the chapter we have worked on. It has been thrilling to watch the team's rapid progress these first three weeks.



Solos men making a map of the Middle East

Bible Translation in Papua New Guinea

- *Larry, Christy, Lawrance, and Amaziah Doyle live on Buka Island and work with the Solos people.*
- *Christy is the kitchen manager during the training course. She keeps very busy shopping, baking, training cooks, sorting receipts, and overseeing food preparation. Larry writes that, "She is one of the busiest people at the center."*
- *Lawrance (3) and Amaziah (1) helped Christy make play-dough so the students could make topography maps. (See picture above.)*

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AROUND THE WORLD

ASIA

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Baptism in Myanmar

MYANMAR

In April, all of Myanmar celebrated *Thingyan*, or Myanmar Water Festival. It falls at the end of school, at the end of the hot season, and at the beginning of the Buddhist New Year. The national holiday lasts four or five days and is characterized by water. People gather and spray water on others or enjoy getting sprayed. It is thought that the water washes away the sins and bad luck of the previous year.

Each year, Andrew Bawi Ceu takes advantage of the spiritual aspect of this holiday and hosts a Gospel Camp. This year, 135 people attended, including 22 non-Christians. Andrew taught about Jesus, and on the final day nine new Christians were baptized!



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