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Translation Milestones in PNG

How important do you think it is for people to have the Bible in their heart language? The Doyles considered it worth living in a bamboo house in a remote village in Papua New Guinea from 2011-2013.

While they lived in Tung, Larry assisted the Solos people by helping train and mobilize a translation team. These Solos translators considered it worth devoting much time and effort to a project that would take several years to complete.

Although Larry and Christy now live on the mainland and have additional responsibilities, Larry still serves as an advisor for the project.

When Larry visited the Solos people earlier this year, he was able to perform an advisor check over the last eight chapters of the book of Joshua. This was a detailed and slow process, averaging about two chapters a day, even though the translation had few real problems. But accuracy is important!

Now twelve chapters need to be village checked, and the whole book will be ready for an outside consultant to review—the final stage before publication. For the first time, the Solos people will have an entire book of the Bible in their heart language!



Solos translators in 2015

“Translating the Bible is a lot of work, but at the end of the day, it’s not what we’re really about. It’s not Bible translation—it’s Bible transformation in people’s lives. The Bible is just how the life of Christ gets to people.”

-Mark Penner, Bible translation consultant with Wycliffe, serving the Japanese Sign Language and Thai Sign Language projects.



Larry, Christy, Lawrance, Amaziah, & Jacob Doyle

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The shoe boxes from Samaritan's Purse have already arrived, ready to be distributed.



The Wait family has attended a house church for the last year.



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AROUND THE WORLD

SUMMER MISSION TRIPS

This month, three summer mission teams will be traveling to different locations, one of them being our mission field in Ghana. World Missions is partnering with Harmony Hill Youth Camp's Compass Ministries for the trip. The 2017 Ghana team will be focusing on handing out Good Samaritan shoe boxes, conducting a mini-VBS, showing the Jesus Film, and performing child health assessments. They leave for Ghana on June 15 for about two weeks.

MUSLIM WORLD: NYC

One year of training in New York City is concluding for Gabe and Erica Wait. This means they will be visiting the Midwest with their daughter, Claire, for the summer before moving across the Atlantic to their new ministry among the Albanian Roma people.

Their year in New York taught them many things, and they were able to share the gospel with many new friends, including sharing Easter dinner and the Easter story with international students who had never heard it before.

Please pray for Gabe, Erica, and Claire as they live through four months of transition. There are things they will miss from the last year, and there are things they are looking forward to seeing again...like family, friends, and green grass!