

February 14th, 2020 Happy Valentine's Day

Faulty Towers and Slippery Slopes

Our email system is slowly getting back to what it needs to be to accommodate all the members here at Ukarumpa trying to send email. The SIL Departments here have been the first priorities of course as this often involves getting business taken care of and our need to get our teams to and from the village.

The current rainy season has caused more problems than usual. Our communication goes through various towers that help us connect to the outside world. Tower repair and maintenance can prove difficult in rainy season. It is not just a matter of being able to repair or maintain such infrastructure but also a matter of the level of priority that is set for various repairs in certain locations.

But here is the good news from our tech guys... *"PNG Power have a tower that is about to slip off the mountain near Usino. They have to move both the power lines and the fiber optic cable to a new tower. This will take at least the rest of today and maybe tomorrow, if everything goes well. If the fiber is still offline in the morning we will turn off internet access for the home network during business hours."*

So things are looking up and we are thanking the Lord today for this provision. We are also thanking Him for your patience during this time of ***'faulty towers and slippery slopes'***. (Not to be confused with the British comedy series called "Fawlty Towers".)

Gearing Up for Literacy Courses

Vernacular Creative Phonics (***VCP***) and The Vernacular Path to English (***VPE***) courses are just over the horizon starting in June. There is lots to do as we plan the courses, revise course content and continue to train the Papua New Guinean teachers who will be the lead teachers for the course. The system of training and mentoring our present lead teachers and extending that training to others whom we hope will also be able to teach in these courses, is going well. Whether here at Ukarumpa, where our main training center is located, or out in the regional centres, we are very pleased with the training we are being able to provide.

We will also be offering "Writers' Workshops" this year to help with the ongoing need for more vernacular materials to read and to use in training in the local languages.

From mid-November 2019 to mid-January 2020, we took a ***special leave*** to visit our families. Mississippi, Alabama, and northern California were where we spent our time. Beth especially wanted to visit with her brother who had just lost his wife. They were married for 56 years. Beth also lost a niece and one of her older brothers, the father of the niece who died. This has been a tough year for the Acton clan but knowing each of these dear loved ones knew Jesus makes the family look forward to a sweet reunion one day. Joy was able to get together and spend some quality time with her mom, her younger brother and sister and their families in California. We praise the Lord to be able to reconnect with our families.





Beth consults with a brother and sister team, Isake and David from the Guhu Samane language group during a LEAD Course.



Joy leads an activity with with the class.

In His service with you,

Beth & Joy

Joy & Beth

****If you want to help scholarship a participant in our courses, please let us know and we'll send you information on how you can do that.***

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