



## ***PRAYER AND PRAISE REPORT***

Greetings all who have gone alongside with me in partnering with me in this ministry with Bible Translation, by praying, giving and encouraging me to stay the course. I can't thank you enough for being advocates of the Bibleless, with those who are still without any scripture in their mother tongue and heart language of understanding.



Last week I still was only at 50% of my support in going to PNG (Papua New Guinea), still needing over \$2,500 to go on this 3 week mission trip. Those who prayed me through and encouraged me to continue this enduring race, which can be at times a lonely adventure with very few who can understand this walk and high calling the Lord has placed on my heart. When it looked as if there was no hope in me going, God intervened in a powerful way. Supernaturally God brought others who heard my cry and my trip has been paid in full. Monies were sent in to **OCBF** (Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship) in Texas who are sponsoring the trip as partners with Wycliffe Bible Translators.



I will be departing from Orlando on the 7<sup>th</sup> of July and meet the **OCBF** team in Los Angeles for the flight to PNG. After initial time in Port Moresby (POM) I would go with the group that is being led by myself as well as another named Mark who also works with Wycliffe and will be staying there with his wife, Estella and two children for the next 3 years. This team will be an all male team while Estella will be doing some ministry with the women in **POM**, while Mark and I and the rest of the men will go to a small town called LAE with a bit younger crowd, doing outreach and some work projects.

The Lae group will go back to POM on Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. I will stay in Lae and will fly out in a private plane that Wycliffe owns to another secret location alone,

in the highlands where some of the most primitive live where translation has begun just a short time ago. Someone will meet me and show me around to get acquainted until Mark and others arrive where I will be waiting.



I will fly back to **POM** on Monday morning the 27<sup>th</sup> and overlap with some other staff, since I will have had very limited time in **POM** on the way in, then depart for the U.S. on the 28<sup>th</sup>. That flight will get me back to Orlando late on the same date crossing the dateline-going back in time. There may be some layovers in Australia or New Zealand, not sure yet. I guess I'll find out more once I meet the team in LA. I believe as of last night the trip has been extended by another day, which we will be in New Zealand for some relaxation and shopping on that last day.

**THE GOAL:** Our goal is to assist Bible Translation with practical skills, such as construction & maintenance, computer/keyboarding projects, etc., as well as helping Papua New Guinean churches gain awareness of BTA's ministry. We will also be doing Outreach and will be prepared to share through music, drama and our personal testimonies. Outreach opportunities being planned include visiting schools, universities, prisons, hospitals and AIDS clinics, street kids, radio interviews and village ministry. And while we expect to serve and give, but we also expect to learn much from Papua New Guineans too.

**MY ROLE:** My role continues to change with much added responsibilities that includes determining how God's transforming Word has and is affecting the different indigenous people groups in how it is shaping their culture and impacting them from a worldview to determine through literacy by translating the Bible in their heart language of understanding God through the written word. Also one of my roles would be to observe how the Papua New Guineans receive me as an African American, since many have probably never seen many at all come to speak to them about their culture and language. Based on my role with Wycliffe to mobilize more AFAM's (African Americans) to create awareness to get involved more in the global harvest of the unevangelized to help fulfill the vision of "Vision 2025" ([Vision 2025 - About Vision 2025.mh](#)) to have the remaining languages still left in the world to have a bible translated started by the

year 2025. Remember PNG has the most languages on earth representing over 850 unwritten languages that need translation as well as literacy programs. I was told by many missionaries there who are of European descent, that when the indigenous New Guineans see me they will expect me to learn their language much quickly since we share similar dark skin tones and to expect me to be able to pick up on their culture, dance and diet much faster. I hope their right...☺



## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

As you can see from this picture, need I say more as to why you need to pray...

Let's see there are many things that I need prayer for. The first that this trip will be very fruitful and that God ultimately gets the greater glory and that His Word goes forth by those who are choosing to walk in the power of His Word to bring deliverance, hope and the free gift of salvation to a lost and dark world.

Also that the team works well with each other and that the distractions are kept at a minimum on this trip that can at times create much division, confusion and fear.

I will be without much communication with my wife and children. Please pray that Keya and the children will be safe and protected, since I have never been away from home this long at such a distance. If you would like, please call her to see how she's doing. Keya is strong but I can tell since getting word that I was indeed going, that she is somewhat fearful.

Pray also that God keeps me in perfect health. I have been known to have bouts of IBS (Irritable bowel syndrome), I must be careful as to not pick up something that will trigger it. I'm taking some herbs that have been successful in keeping it under control which keeps down the inflammation.

Pray that the sweet people of New Guinea receive God's love through the love exemplified by those who are sent by God to impact them powerfully to receive Christ as their Lord and Savior as they continue to grow in wisdom through His Word that is translated into their language.

There are many instances where so many missionaries who go have come down with malaria, yellow fever and hepatitis. Please pray that God keeps me from being attacked by anything as this.



Please pray also that many here in the US have more of a burden through the many examples of those pioneers, willing to sacrifice so much to have more of a heart for the people among the unevangelized to want to serve in partnering in any capacity, whether going, praying or financially supporting those on the front lines in the Global Harvest.

Pray that I will come back more energized and renewed to continue this enduring race that God himself through His grace and mercy saw me worthy enough to be included in a work where the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Pray that God sends more workers.

Pray also for those God is nudging by His spirit to want to partner to bring "Vision 2025" to fruition, through my ministry of mobilization and recruitment.

Again, I thank all of you as well as the many churches that allowed me to speak and all who have supported me financially as well as prayerfully on this journey and adventure with the Lord. I could not have done this without your influence and encouragement. I am honored and humbled how God has put you all on my path as true brothers and sisters of the faith.

*"Then the leaders of families, the officers of the tribes of Israel, the commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds, and the officials in charge of the king's work gave willingly." (1 Chronicles 29:6)*



May God continue to bless each and every one of you. I'll see you when I get back, complete with pics and video to share with you all.

Check out this youtube video, so you can see where your sending me.

[YouTube - Folopa NT \(Bible\) dedication.mht](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

In His Love and Grip, Scott~~