



# Campbell Ramblings

Equipping translation work in Papua New Guinea



As the departure date draws near (mid-August), it is tempting to wonder if everything can fall into place in time!

This issue, we will share some of the directions we are planning, and the paths that God has taken us down, in order to be prepared for PNG.

**“In his heart a man plans his course,  
but the LORD determines his steps.”** Proverbs 16:9



## Yet more Partnership Development (PD)...

We are thankful for Wycliffe's training on building a Partnership base. It has been quite a journey, over several months in 2013, and now full-time as we aim for PNG.

After a May morning tea in Home Hill (100km south of Townsville), we realised how much we missed the relational aspect of PD over the preceding months.

We have since revisited the Tablelands church in Atherton, with plans to visit Gordonvale PC and two Townsville congregations during June.

It is encouraging to meet folk aware of the global mission need, eager to hear more, and looking to get involved.

Pray that these opportunities to speak might lead to relationships which will be a blessing for all.

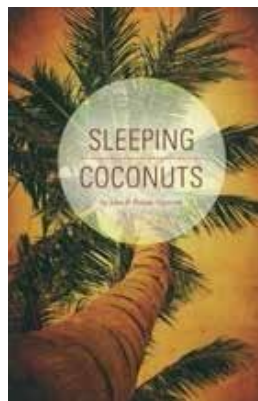


Home Hill PC Women's Guild

## An inspiring read ...

In ***Sleeping Coconuts***, John and Bonnie Nystrom share their story of tragedy, teamwork and transformation, and the incredible way that God used the 1998 tsunami to refocus the Bible translation work amongst the Arop people in Papua New Guinea.

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Tablelands PC mission dinner

## Prayer points

Some are ongoing prayer needs (Luke 11:5-13 prompts us to be persistent in prayer), while others are more immediate. We also have much to be thankful for.

Please join us in laying these before our Lord.

### Ministry

- Thanks that the involved process of medical tests and inoculations (*ouch!*) are finally completed
- Seeking provision of the required financial support in time for an August departure (*keep praying faithfully on this one*)
- Trust God as He reveals His purposes in all things. (*ditto*)

### Family

- Pray for patience for all during the gradual handover of our home to Shawn & Elisabeth commencing June.
- Final face-to-face farewells to Hannah and our parents in July.



**Once again, we had the opportunity to get our hands dirty and build relationships at the same time. The Tablelands PC in Atherton is getting the manse ship shape, and praying hard for a new minister. Please pray that God would supply the right person to lead them in their continued service of Him. They have been very gracious in their support of us.**

## Where your treasure is...

*Elspeth*

I never thought of myself as having earthly treasures, but finalising things for PNG in August has been emotionally hard and surprising to me. In our 24 years of marriage, we moved many times and held many garage sales that ensured I didn't get attached to 'stuff'.

Elisabeth and Shawn are now living in our house in Townsville while we're in PNG. I've asked Elisabeth to go through the house which she has and now Keith and I are sorting out what happens next.

Somehow I feel that packing up the house is final, a way of saying goodbye to my old life.

After our initial two years in PNG in the Lord's service, we'll return and I'm not sure if I am prepared for the changes that may eventuate in myself.

How different will I be? How differently will I view my stored goods (earthly treasures)? Occasionally, all this uncertainty overwhelms me, but I don't want to be like Lot's wife who looked back hankering after what has been left behind. I want to look forward to what lies ahead - the prize that does not rust, is never stolen, not moth-eaten, etc. (Matthew 6v19).

## The long goodbye...

The other hard task will be saying goodbye to our friends of almost 20 years. Several grey nomads head off for extended annual travels before we go – prompting early (tearful) farewells.

But our hands are on the plough, and God is urging us onward. (Luke 9:61-62) We wouldn't choose to turn back.

## Lettuce give thanks...

On a light-hearted note, some experienced PNG misso's shared their process of washing lettuce and other vegetables in bleach before eating. The soil and water-borne nasties are best avoided, no matter what it does to the eventual flavour and nutrients.

Keith is expecting no problem sticking to his weight loss programme in PNG!

## The final hurdle...

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