

Dear Family and Friends,

No, we have not fallen off the other side of the earth! It has been a long time since many of you have heard news from us, and for that we are sorry. We had hoped to have some information to share with you about our future location in a tribe, but we do not yet have the opportunity to move into the "bush". We are still waiting on the Lord to open that door for us and seeking to be a blessing by serving here at Sobega in the meantime. In this letter we would like to give you a visual idea of what life is like for us here at the NTM regional center in the Highlands of PNG.



Troilin and Ethan reading books



Kerol cuddling
Nathaniel



Tufa and Steve

This is a dear family who lives near us, Tufa, his wife Kerol, and their daughter Troilin. They were some of our language helpers during our study of Melanesian Pidgin. Even though we have finished national language study and are now involved in other roles, we still visit with them often. Please pray for their salvation as well as for many of the national workers around us.

Some of our responsibilities here include monitoring the radio to keep in contact with the missionaries in the "bush", providing meals for families passing through, and helping other missionaries with their work projects. Steve has recently been involved working one on one with a national man to do content checking on Bible lessons translated by another missionary.



Natalie doing "radio sched"



Joapo and Steve doing Bible
lesson content checking



Our "pet" banana spider
likes to eat geckos!



Steve, Ethan and Nathaniel practicing
with their tribal bows and arrows

We had a very special visit with Natalie's parents, Doug and Shirley Laney, and her sister Nellie at the end of August. They came to visit us as they were on their way to the USA for their furlough time.



Mom helping Natalie sew curtains for
our future house in the jungle.



Good-bye for a year!



Special Sister Time



Nathaniel and Grandma

Prayer Requests:

- 1) That the Lord would be preparing hearts now among the people group He has for us
- 2) That He would be preparing our family spiritually and physically to begin church planting in that people group
- 3) That our team would have an open door to move into a tribal location
- 4) For the possibility of Steve being part of a survey to tribes in the Gulf Region in December
- 5) For wisdom in training our boys

We have included our updated prayer card with this letter. If any individuals or churches would like to have extra copies, please contact us and we will be happy to get them to you.

Finding Him Faithful,

Steve, Natalie, Ethan and Nathaniel