Summer '17 to Summer '18

A Yearly Update from the Bruners

The Fataleka NT Dedication

(John) had been the advisor and consultant for the Fataleka translation project in the Solomon Islands since 2010. It was finished and dedicated in September 2017. It was a great joy to be there to celebrate with the Fataleka people. Brena was also able to go, which was very special to her since she hadn't been back to the Solomons since 2010. Pray for the Fataleka people that they would have a desire to read the Scriptures and know Jesus.





The Fataleka translators with me and Brena



Island Bible Ministries (IBM)

ven though the Fataleka NT is finished, I am still involved in the Solomons. I am working with a good friend, Dr. Alpheaus Zobule, who is running a Bible school and providing assistance for five translation projects. He has asked me to help with consultant checking and teaching the translators of these projects. Pray for wisdom

for me and pray for Brena and Luke as they remain in Ukarumpa when I make trips.





The participants of a translation software course

Ukarumpa Interns

t has been rewarding to see several interns complete their requirements to become translation consultants this last year and I am

in the process of starting internships for about ten more people from Papua **New Guinea** and Solomon Islands. I enjoyed helping teach a Basic **Exegesis class** in early 2018 in which three potential interns were involved.



becoming translation consultants







Brena's Staff Care Job

rena continues to help in the Staff Care
Department putting on Teas for village ladies,
baking and serving at a weekly Coffee House,
and organizing "Dinners for 8" in the community.
She does interviews for missionaries shortly after
they arrive in PNG and for those who are leaving.

She also cuts hair for people here in the community. She's so thankful for a job that she loves.



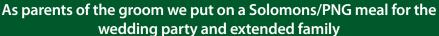
Audio Recording of the Bughotu New Testament

nother major accomplishment this year was the completion of the audio recording of the Bughotu NT, the translation we finished in 2009. Bughotu speakers along with Wycliffe colleagues worked many hours to make this happen. Now the Bughotu people can read and listen to the New Testament! Please pray that many Bughotu people will listen to the recording and grow in their relationship with the Lord.











Kairu and Amaechi orchestrated the "mumu" where the food was cooked in pits





It was fun to see Grant and Sara here in PNG so soon after their wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Bruner

n our last paper letter we announced Grant and Sara's engagement. We're happy to now let you know that they said their vows on May 6, 2018, in Arkansas. We were able to attend the wedding (and his graduation from John Brown University

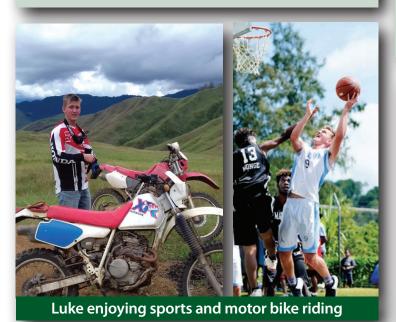
the day before!) and are so very happy to have Sara as our daughter-in-law. They were even able to visit us here in PNG a month after their wedding. Now they are settled in Charleston, South Carolina where Sara is continuing her pharmaceutical



studies and Grant is looking for a mechanical engineering job. Please pray God will help Sara in her studies and provide a job for Grant.

Luke

uke has entered his senior year of high school. He is still unsure about what he wants to do after he graduates, but for now he's enjoying sports, music, riding motorbikes, and is also on student council. Pray for guidance for Luke as he starts to think about college and/or work.



Joey

fter a year and half at East Texas Baptist
University, Joey decided to leave since
he wasn't sure what he wanted to study.
Since then he's been living with my brother in
Charleston, South Carolina, and working full time
as he tries to decide what career he would like to
pursue. He's been getting involved at his church
and playing a lot of tennis with his aunt and uncle.
Please pray for wisdom and guidance for Joey.



Furlough Coming Up

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We don't often get visitors, so it was great to have Brena's parents come for several weeks in October 2017

t's hard to believe but next June we will be heading home for a year of home assignment (furlough) after this 4-year term. Thankfully we already have a house lined up for us to stay in. My brother, Dave, is the missions pastor for a church in Charleston, South Carolina and he asked the missions committee if we could stay in their "missionary" house and they agreed. We are excited that we will be living near Grant and Sara and Joey, not to mention a number of other Bruner relatives in the area. Pray for us, that we will finish this

year well. Pray for Brena to find someone to replace her in the different Staff Care roles she does. Pray for me to be able to successfully start the approximately ten people in their internships to become consultants before we leave in mid-2019.

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