



Hi, Remember me??

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Does this girl look familiar to you? No? She has not fallen off the face of the earth. She is still living and working in Manila despite the lack of updates over the past few months. If it makes you feel better, she is wearing a sheepish expression right now. I hope you forgive her. Especially since she is trying to redeem herself by giving you a great update on what happened during the months of July, August, and September.

For instance, this picture was taken at a local recording studio where I (3rd person got old real fast) worked with a local Christian radio DJ to host a new podcast for Wycliffe Asia-Pacific. One of my colleagues put together a program highlighting translation stories, vernacular scripture (native scripture), update on translation projects, and testimonies from local missionaries in the Asia-Pacific area. They just needed a

couple hosts to guide the program and bring energy to the segments. I was more than happy to be involved. The program has a radio-show feel and was a lot of fun to record! We have already finished the first four test episodes and were given permission to continue with more episodes. Not only do we get to share what is going on in the world of Bible Translation in this part of the globe, we get to have fun while doing it! Can't beat that.

Would you like a sneak peek of episode #1? The official launch has not begun, but we are letting some of our close friends and family listen to the first episode and give feedback. I'd love to hear what you think! Just go to www.skilledtoserve.com and scroll down to "Debut of Podcast" to hear our first episode focused on the top 10 most read books in the world. Guess what is #1?? I'll give you a hint: it's the most important book to those of us who are Christ-followers. I hope you will check out the first episode and stay tuned for more in the future. It is a project I am very excited to be apart of!

What else has been happening these past few months?
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For a week in July I traveled to another country in the Pacific to work with one of our partners. They were and continue to work at setting up a Christian radio station for their small area. Though they had some great leads on the technical side of things, the issue of programming was one they admittedly did not know a lot about. So I spent a few days with them discussing target audience, programming to fit the needs of the area, and just brainstorming about details regarding setting up a station. I was even able to meet with the media team (pic below) discussing my ideas and suggestions. My hosts went above and beyond their hospitality and I felt more like a member of the family.



In addition, I was also able to gather some stories/information for our podcast. I interviewed a few missionaries and heard translated Scripture from the area. I may not have understood it, but the words are powerful to those whose lives are being changed through them!

After a few days in South Korea visiting my friend Jen in early August, I was off once again on a work trip. This time to the beautiful country of Papua New Guinea. The Bible Translation Association of PNG has the great opportunity to place their translated Scripture on a local Christian radio station for free. Problem is, they have no experience in organizing this kind of project or producing the clips so they're ready for airplay. I was more than happy to go and think



Photo by: Kahunapule Michael Johnson

through these issues with them and get some ideas flowing. While there, we were even interviewed on the radio station and were able to encourage those listening with the gospel and highlight the importance of Bible translation.

I was surprised how many people asked me where I was going and then had no idea where PNG was. As you can see in the photo to the left, the country is rich in culture and the people are some of the most friendly I have ever encountered. Find out more about this country that has the biggest need for Bible translation in the world...and start praying for them!

Praise and Prayer Requests:

Praise:

- Many opportunities to use my skills for God
- A blessed time at home with friends and family
- Safety in the many recent travels
- Numerous blessings that are too many to count

Prayer:

- Wisdom as I project manage the video
- Consistent/stronger financial support in the remaining months
- That I would continue working hard and finish strong over the next 5 months
- Strength in my walk with God
- Guidance of personal relationship

PALAWAN, PHILIPPINES

My adventures in Palwan, Philippines are not yet over, but let me tell you about my first visit. I am project managing a video project for Wycliffe International showing how small churches all around the world are getting involved in missions despite their limited resources. The first story we're gathering is in Palawan. A few weeks ago I was able to go there on a information-gathering trip and now we are headed back to record their story. The small group of churches in this area do not have much money but what they do have is a heart for missions and a knowledge of agriculture. So, using their creativity they decided to pool their money, buy a farm, and use the profits to support local missionaries to go and share the love of Christ outside their community. One church even gave the money they had raised to fix their roof in order to be apart of this project. Humility, sacrifice, and a love for God and the lost...that is what makes this community so special and will make their story unforgettable!



HOME & FAMILY! Words that bring joy to my soul. I was able to go home for a few weeks to visit family and, most importantly, attend my younger brother's wedding. It was absolutely beautiful and I was so happy I was able to be a part of it. PS. I caught the bouquet. Wink, wink. Though the last two I caught have done no good thus far...

I mentioned it earlier in the newsletter but wanted to give you a bit more information on www.skilledtoserve.com. It is a website that I have been contributing to for a few months now. It was started by our office and is basically a blog where people with a communications background and a desire for missions can see what it looks like to combine the two. Right now Daniel, our intern, and I are the two contributors with hopes of adding more in the future. So in addition to checking my personal blog, you might want to visit this one as well for more insight on what my life here in Manila looks like. Subjects I've already written about? Weathering a hurricane, my dislike for seafood, public transportation in Manila, and my attempt at learning Tagalog. Check it out!

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