

Johnson Journal

News and Prayer Requests from Ed and Valerie Johnson

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The year is moving very quickly and we wanted to share some of the highlights of the last several months.

Josiah (now in his second year at John Brown University) was able to visit over the



Christmas break. The day after he landed in Papua, we headed to Obukain. It was an encouraging time to be among our Diuwe friends. We were able to help with a flu epidemic, affecting most of the babies there. And we enjoyed catching up with many of our friends.



Morning Bible study on our porch in Obukain

The Diuwe asked us to help lead some Bible studies, and they took place on our front porch on three different days. During these early morning meetings, we read several Bible passages to-

gether and considered how those verses should impact our daily lives. **Please continue to pray that God would draw the hearts and minds of the Diuwe to Himself.**

In January, we were back in Sentani for our annual field conference. This is a time when



Two families on furlough, and 3 people sick on the day conference photo was taken

all World Team Papua missionaries gathered for a time of evaluation, encouragement and planning. Included in the conference photo are Bible School teachers, disciples, tribal church planters, MK school

teachers, and people whose ministry focus is to, and among, Muslims. We are very thankful for the team known as World Team Papua, and are humbled to serve as the Field Director for this group. **Please pray that this team will function together well as we seek to lift the name of our Lord across Papua and beyond .**

We also stay connected with the Momuna language Bible translation project. Thanks to many of you who have given specifically toward this project. Progress on Old Testament continues to move forward. We are expecting another checking session in April with a translation consultant from the Indonesian Bible Society. **Please continue to pray for this project.**

Since our leadership role has us spending most of our time in Sentani, Valerie has been able to join the ranks of teacher at Hillcrest School. She is teaching five classes, all in the morning, while Moriah and Marissa are in their Kindergarten class.

Hillcrest is still looking for people to fill a number of teaching slots for the coming year. Could you, or someone you know, be



Valerie's 2nd hour World History class at Hillcrest School

one of the people involved in teaching missionary children at HIS next fall? Here's an interesting video that explains more: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JhwvTT-o2-l>

Please pray that the needed teachers will be found.

Please pray with us:

Giving thanks for :

- a great December trip to Obukain
- productive and encouraging annual conference for our field
- fairly dependable internet (after many months of serious limitations) which allows for good communication

Asking God for:

- continued progress on Momuna Bible Translation
- His direction and provision for the various ministries here
- teachers for Hillcrest School for the coming school year

Thank you for your partnership!

Ed and Valerie



And you? Are you asking God if He wants you to come to serve as a teacher, tech expert, discipler, or in some other capacity? **Contact us!**

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