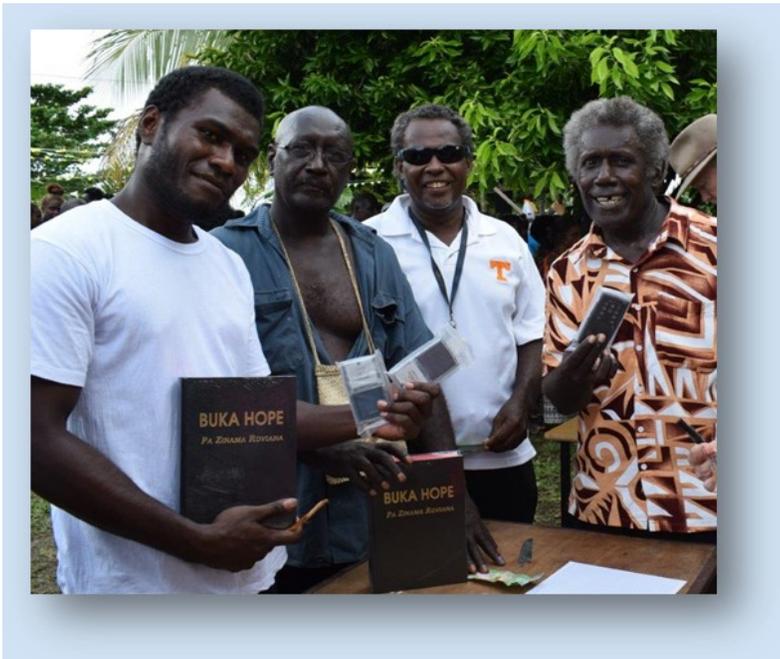


# Translation Progress and Prayer

A year ago! The Roviana Bible Dedication



*Roviana Bible Sales May 23, 2017*

How quickly the year has passed! As we remember the excitement of that day we want to remind you to be praying for the Roviana people. God has blessed them with many forms of hearing and reading God's Word, but we know Satan would like to block people from knowing Jesus. He will snatch away and choke out the seeds of truth in their hearts and minds if they neglect God's Word. We know that He will also tempt them to sin by bringing division, greed, and sinful practices.

The Munda Airport recently opened for International flights which will bring more business opportunities and tourists. Although beneficial in many ways, this exposure to the things of the world is one possible avenue through which Satan works and may bring new challenges to their faith.

- **Praise God for a whole year of having the Bible in the Roviana language.**
- **Pray the printed Bibles will be fully distributed** to the more remote locations where people speak Roviana.
- **Pray that God's Word in Roviana will be sought after** and that Church leadership would promote its use.
- **Pray the Roviana people will allow God's Word to change their thinking and use the Roviana Bible to disciple families**, especially children so that young people would clearly hear God's message of salvation and hope.
- **Praise God for His power to shine His truth in dark places.**
- **Thank you for your prayers which God is waiting to hear so He can answer.** He *wants* to do mighty things in the Roviana community which will bring Him glory!

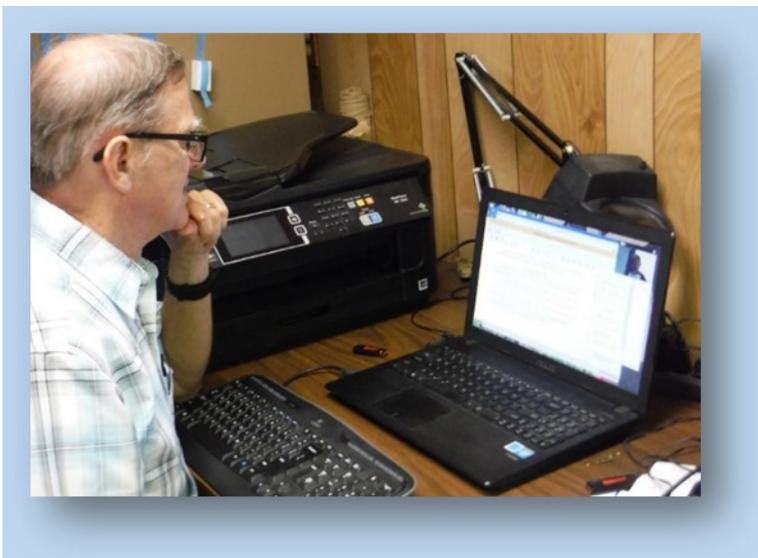
## What time is it there? Working Remotely

Hoava translator, Ezra Tupiti, is currently living with his family in Hamilton, New Zealand where his wife is doing university studies. Jim and he have connected via Skype and are working through a program designed to help beginning translators gain understanding and practice in translation principles.

With a 19 hour time difference Ezra begins with 'Good Morning' on Tuesday when it is only 3pm Monday afternoon here in Washington State. Another difference is that it is the beginning of winter in NZ with increasingly cold temperatures while in Mattawa the last few days it is definitely summer with temperatures in the 90's.

**Praise for the technology** which allows visual communication with Ezra on the other side the world.

**Pray for Ezra** as he goes through the lessons to really grasp the ideas that will help him in doing a quality first draft of the Gospel of Luke.



**Praise for resolution to a problem with Paratext**, the translation computer program which Ezra will use to create his first drafts in Hoava.

**Pray for Ezra's family** to have their needs met so Ezra can continue to have time to do translation work.

## Remember . . . Memorial Day

We had a great time during the Memorial Day holiday visiting with some Wycliffe friends in southwest Washington. We got to see our first SITAG director Ken Davis and his wife Donnajean and Marge Crofts who helped us finish the consultant check of the Roviana New Testament. We joined some of the Gebauer family as guests at



Megan Van Anandel's parent's farm for a BBQ and to meet the youngest SITAG member, Elisa Van Anandel. As the Van Anandels return to the Solomon Islands, Andrew will be setting aside his work with the Malango language program to fill the role of Interim Director for a few months.

**Please pray for a full time director to be identified and able to come lead the Bible translation and Literacy work of Wycliffe in the Solomon Islands.**

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