

## Reed Reflections

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### To God Be the Glory!

We've been asking for prayer for the dedication of the Kaluli Scriptures, which my sister Sylvia and her husband Andy Grosh have devoted their lives to. February 17 was the big day! The joyous occasion began several days before the actual dedication, when boxes of Kaluli Scriptures were flown in from the mission center. The translation team reverently received the boxes from the airplane in a God-honoring ceremony, and a heart-felt prayer of gratitude was offered. Two pigs were killed for a large feast as a welcome ceremony for the as-yet-unopened cartons of printed Scriptures.



Over 2,000 guests hiked in to join the dedication celebration—many hiking up to three days or more—to be a part of the huge celebration. As is their custom, just before entering the village, they waited for everyone to be together as a group, then they entered single-file. Those who were receiving them in the village stood in two lines, one of men and one of women, and clapped continuously as they filed in between the two rows. It was a splendid welcome.



The sacred procession, reverently carrying boxes of Bibles to the church

On the morning of the dedication, the translation team, along with national and regional church leaders and international guests, formed a sacred procession. The men on the translation team each carried a box of still-unviewed Scriptures. After a prayer, bursting with emotions, the translation team solemnly handed over the boxes of Bibles to the waiting pastors, to symbolically “pass the torch,” putting God’s Words in Kaluli into their care.

The worship team led in jubilant song as the translation team carried the Bibles from the office, across the station, up the hill, into the village, and to the church.

It felt as though angels were surrounding the musicians, exulting along with everyone. And finally, it was time for...

## The Long-awaited Reveal!

In a holy, joyous, and glorious moment of triumph in the heavenly realms, the Kaluli Scriptures were revealed to the Kaluli community for the first time. The Bible sales stand was jam-packed as people thronged forward to purchase a copy of God's Word in their own language. In addition to the printed Scriptures, solar-powered audio Bible devices, reading glasses, SD cards with Kaluli audio and



video Scriptures on them, and small church libraries, were all sold at highly subsidized prices. People eagerly crowded to the various stands, hopeful of acquiring these items. The entire stock of audio players sold out, and they took orders for an additional 200 units.

## Family Link Aside, How Does This Relate To Us...And To You?

Preparing Hispanics for ministries such as this is our work! And therefore, it's what you are investing in! **Thank you** for partnering with us as we each do our part in growing the Kingdom. We appreciate you! For an update on the two of us and our ministry, check out the praise and prayer section below.

### Praise and Prayer

- Robert's blood pressure has been much better controlled since the ablation, even though it didn't get rid of the afib (irregular heart beat). Pray for God to miraculously restore kidney function (his labs are showing stage 4 kidney failure), and improve his hemoglobin which has been steadily dropping. Ask, too, for energy to live each day with vim and vigor for his Kingdom work.
- Pray for constantly increasing spiritual depth and vitality for us, our kids, and our grandkids.
- Pray for ProMETA, as decisions are being made that could have a big impact on the future of the school.

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