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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Friend,

I listened intently as Steve and Linda Rosengren shared their story.

It was 1981 while learning the culture and language of the Wana people of the Asia-Pacific region when tragedy ripped at their hearts.

The Wana people of the Asia-Pacific region were trapped in a worldview that brought death and destruction. Over and over this cycle of life repeated: death, destruction, hopelessness. When Steve and Linda moved into the Wana village, the people were not interested in what they had to say. "When our babies died we burned our houses. We destroyed our gardens. We wailed through the night. We were helpless. We had no hope," an elderly Wana chief recently recalled. Softly, sadly, he added, "So many of our babies died." The Wana people needed to focus on keeping the ancestors happy by not breaking taboos.

But babies continued to die. Houses were burned. Gardens destroyed. Wailing dragged on through hopeless nights. The Wana people could not escape this cycle. They did not realize that the message Steve and Linda brought could give them eternal life and hope. They did not realize that God's message of salvation would deliver them from their world of destruction.

Then one day the Rosengren's three year old son, Kevin, got sick. The people watched as the mission airplane flew Kevin, Steve and Linda to the city hospital. When they heard the baby had died, they thought, "The missionaries will never return. Someone will come to burn the missionaries' house, and we will never see them again."

But Steve and Linda did return. They continued to translate God's message into the Wana language. They taught God's message again. "And this time we listened," the old chief recounted as he smiled. "This time we believed."

"Today we worship God and His Son, Jesus. We left our destructive ways and now we live with hope. Our church is strong. But when we look beyond we see other unreached people in our country. We know we need to go and reach those people, just like the missionaries did for us, no matter the cost."

And they are. The Wana church has sent teams of cross-cultural church planters to four other language groups. This is over and above the outreaches within their own ethnic group. Like the Rosengren's who continue to serve as part of the team today, these families have faced tragedy. They have experienced the death of spouses and children—but with the Lord's strength, they continue to make a difference for His glory.

In this issue of NTM@work you'll read about another people group that is no longer unreached, and the amazing team God brought together to reach them. You'll be encouraged to see that God is multiplying all that you and I do in His name and for His glory.

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NEWS

AROUND THE WORLD



New Testament being printed

Canadians Merrill and Teresa Dyck have completed the New Testament for a people group in Latin America and have sent it off to be printed. They began teaching God's Word in 1983, and distributed copies of each book as it was translated, "so these folks have had portions of Scripture available to them now for years," Merrill wrote. Now they will be printed in one more durable volume.



Half of the New Testament

Linn Beall got word that the first half of the new Tigak Scriptures were printed in time to put 100 pounds of God's Word in her luggage as she went back to the Tigak villages. "The Tigaks received the book of John for the first time on Sunday," wrote her husband, Ned, last month. He expects the Epistles to be printed this month.



Time to Teach Teens

In 2008, when missionaries presented God's Word to the Dinangat people of Papua New Guinea from Creation to Christ, "the teenagers of today were little kids," wrote Ralf and Elli Schlegel. "That is why we have now started a youth meeting on Sunday afternoons to tell the Redemption Story again."



Conquering the first challenge

The road in was the first challenge for Jordan and Amy Husband as they considered joining the team among the Nahuatl people of Mexico. The road "is legendary," Jordan wrote. "It took us 5.5 hours to travel perhaps 45-50 miles." While they saw how difficult the trip could be, they also "saw that it was something which could be done."

Learning to Communicate

Alan and Karen Holm are deep into analyzing the language of the Sanapana people of Paraguay. Jim Passetti, who teaches linguistics at NTM's Missionary Training Center in Missouri, visited a year ago to help, yet "there is so much more to do," the couple wrote. "We will be going to the University of North Dakota in June so that Alan can take courses for eight weeks with SIL." Yet it's rewarding. "The fingerprint of God is definitely on each language and it is so very beautiful to discover."

Read more stories like this directly from NTM missionaries at blogs.ntm.org



Did you notice?

This issue of *NTM@work* feels a lot more like a magazine in your hands, doesn't it? That's because it is. We've increased the number of pages by 50 percent, giving us more room for our feature article and allowing us to add this News section.

At the same time, we've made other changes that have allowed us to produce this magazine at a lower cost than before.

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DISCIPLE MAKING RIPPLES FROM MOUK TO LUSI



Rick Zook teaching future missionaries



Back to fly Kodiaks

Jon Leedhahl, an NTM missionary pilot who lost a leg in an accident in Papua New Guinea, has headed back there to pick up where he left off getting NTM Aviation's Kodiak aircraft out and serving missionaries in remote locations. "So exciting to think we will be heading out," wrote his wife, Adie, before their departure.

AFTER THE FILM

Other mission boards told Mark Zook he wasn't cut out to be a missionary. But he went to Papua New Guinea as part of a team with NTM, and established a church among the Mouk people. That story is told in the classic missions film, *EeTaow!* Their work among the Mouk people is still bearing fruit today.

WHY THE STORY GOES ON

Mark presented a series of Bible lessons that allowed the Mouk people to see God's plan unfolding. And the message wasn't simply about salvation. As important as salvation is, that's only the beginning. The series of Bible lessons that NTM missionaries use lays a foundation for disciples — for people who will become followers of Christ and lead others to Him.

That began early, with the new Mouk believers reaching out to neighbouring villages. And it continues now.

LUSI AND ANEM AND KOVE

Mark's son Rick, along with Rick's wife, Anji, minister in the neighbouring Lusi people group. They prepared materials to help Mouk teachers learn how to learn the Lusi culture and language as they assist in ministry to the Lusi people. Rick and Anji began a monthly class to pass on those principles.

"After a couple of weeks," Rick wrote, "Selu showed up. He is a Mouk elder who wanted to learn Anem, a neighbouring language which is completely unrelated to Mouk. He wanted to know if we could make one of those language learning booklets for him."

They did, then made two more so others could learn Anem, and more recently, made more for people who want to minister to the Kove people. The Mouks' circle of ministry is expanding. The class that began with three students expanded to 15 Mouk missionaries. Pray that the Mouk outreaches to the Lusi, Anem and Kove people bear much fruit.

— Ian Fallis, Contributing Editor



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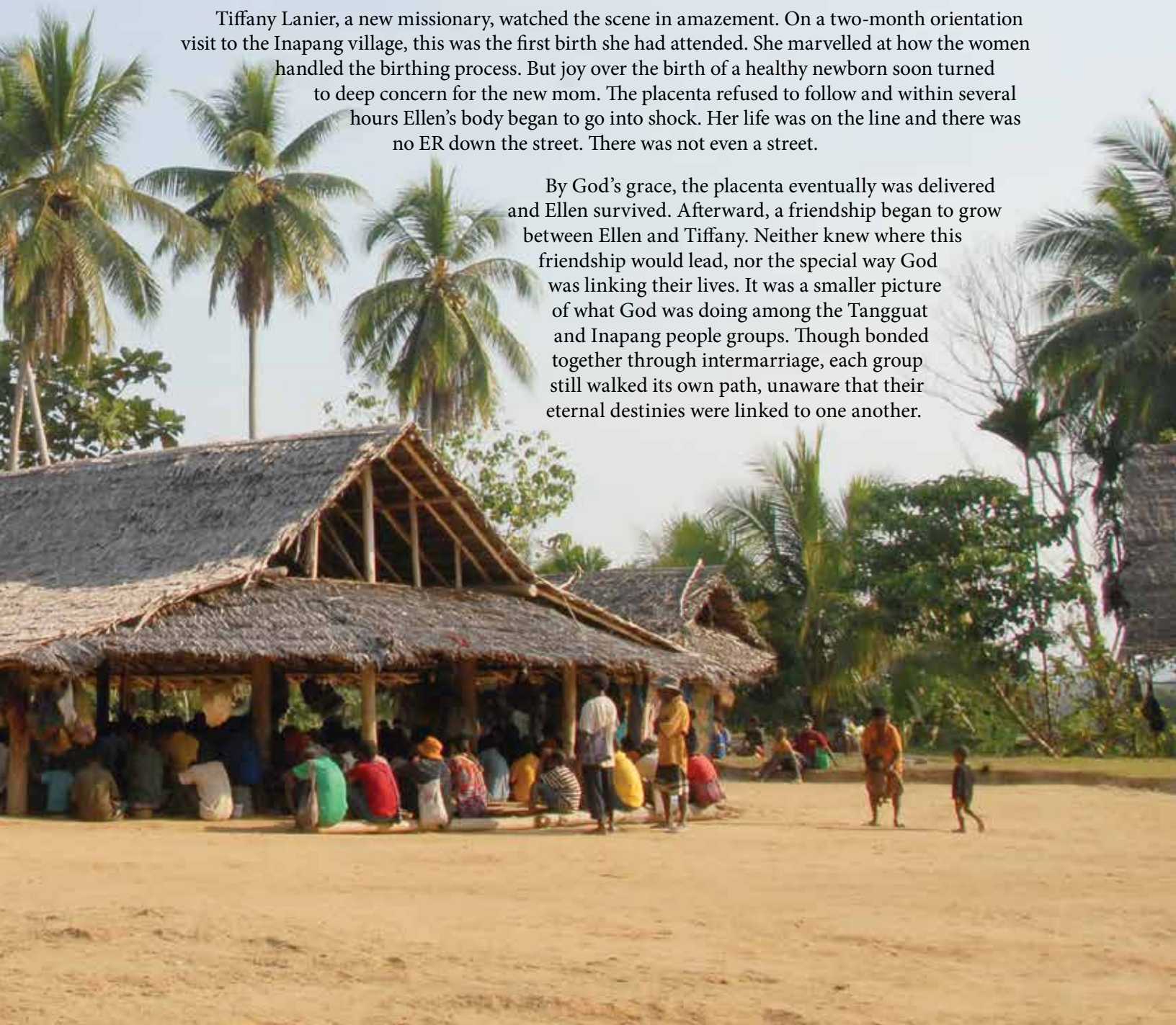
MISSIONARIES HELP THE INAPANG PEOPLE PASS ON THE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE

A hearty cry burst from the lungs of the newborn baby boy, bringing a smile to the many women present. Ellen, a still somewhat new Tangguat bride, embraced the moment, listening to her first-born making such a ruckus. Her Inapang husband would be pleased at the birth of a healthy son.

For decades the Tangguat and Inapang people groups crossed cultural and linguistic barriers in intermarriage, creating a tight social network between their distinct language groups. And their son, like many others sons and daughters, would continue to bind their two people groups together.

Tiffany Lanier, a new missionary, watched the scene in amazement. On a two-month orientation visit to the Inapang village, this was the first birth she had attended. She marvelled at how the women handled the birthing process. But joy over the birth of a healthy newborn soon turned to deep concern for the new mom. The placenta refused to follow and within several hours Ellen's body began to go into shock. Her life was on the line and there was no ER down the street. There was not even a street.

By God's grace, the placenta eventually was delivered and Ellen survived. Afterward, a friendship began to grow between Ellen and Tiffany. Neither knew where this friendship would lead, nor the special way God was linking their lives. It was a smaller picture of what God was doing among the Tangguat and Inapang people groups. Though bonded together through intermarriage, each group still walked its own path, unaware that their eternal destinies were linked to one another.





THE INAPANGS MEET JESUS

The story of the Tanguat people is intricately woven into the backstory of what God first did among their Inapang neighbours. It began in 2003, when Bill and Kelley Housley, Daniel and Elizabeth Moore, and Will and Mindy Zeigler moved to an Inapang village on the border of Tanguat territory.

The missionaries immersed themselves in two years of intense culture and language study, followed by another two years of translating Scripture passages and Bible lessons into the Inapang language. By 2006, Matthias and Petra Mueller had joined the team.

And then the day came. In 2007, evangelistic teaching began.

Three days into the teaching, evidence surfaced that the message was penetrating the hearts of the Inapang people. “We have been hearing pieces of this story for years in the national

language,” one man said, “but today ... we are really hearing it in our stomachs [hearing it well] and we are wondering, ‘What kind of person is this God? We don’t know anything like this.’”

Another man said, “We men are always looking around and saying this land is mine and this thing or that thing is mine. Now we are hearing God’s Talk and we are saying to each other, ‘It’s true. God made those things. They are His.’”

Over the course of four months, as the Inapang people listened to truths from God’s Word, they began to wonder how things could be made right between them and a holy God. When the lessons culminated with Jesus’ death, burial and resurrection, they grasped the significance and understood the story of redemption. Many professed faith in Christ. The first Inapang church was born.

“I should go to the place of fire for my sin,” said one teenager, “but I am not going to because Jesus came and died for my sin. When I die, I am going to go to God.”

“When He died, He died for all my sin!” said an Inapang man. “The sins we already did, the sins we will do later, He knew them all and He paid the price.”

After listening to testimony after testimony, Daniel and Elizabeth Moore wrote, “It was one of the most exciting days of our lives. To hear so many testimony of their faith in Christ made all the trials and difficulties worthwhile.”

But that was only the beginning.

“WHAT ABOUT OUR NEIGHBOURS?”

“When the first church was born among the Inapangs, some of the strongest believers were bilinguals



The Housley family



who had families in the neighbouring Tangguat village,” wrote Bill Housley. “Now that they had seen this good news change their lives and devour their biggest fears, they were anxious for their families back in Tangguat to hear it too. They came and asked us repeatedly if we would turn this amazing talk into the language of Tangguat and write Bible curriculum for them so that they could go back and tell their families.”

The logistics were overwhelming. The missionaries had an infant Inapang church to nurture and care for, Bible translation yet to complete, and nine unreached Inapang villages. When would they ever find time to learn another language? But the requests kept coming.

“We wrote up a proposal for the work among the Tangguats to be opened with minimal missionary

assistance,” wrote the Housleys. The Inapang believers would make up the majority of the team. “We believed that the same Holy Spirit who was working in and through us would be faithful to do the same with our Inapang brothers and sisters.”

Exciting as it was, Bill and Kelley recognized that their proposal meant someone had to be willing to work outside the box. But who would do it? And when? “It would take a very special kind of person to work alongside of this small group of believers, to strengthen and encourage them, and let them lead this cross-cultural outreach into a new language group. But we believed that God would bring along help in His time.”

In the meantime, there was work to be done. Working alongside the fledgling Inapang church, the missionaries launched an outreach to the

neighbouring Inapang village, which in turn took part in reaching the Inapang village beyond their borders. A leapfrog pattern of discipleship continued, until today nine of the 10 villages that make up this language group of 4,000-plus people have heard a clear presentation of the gospel in their own language.

But neither the missionaries nor the Inapang church ever forgot the need of evangelizing their Tangguat neighbours. And neither had God.

GOD HAD AN ANSWER

Behind the scenes, God was weaving threads together as He prepared His not-yet-unveiled masterpiece. When Tim and Tiffany Lanier stepped off the plane in Papua New Guinea in 2009, the thread of their lives was already inserted into the tapestry.



*Left: The Lanier family
Below: Inapang church leaders*

“As part of our training and orientation, we were sent to an Inapang village in the swampy lowlands to live, learn and observe life and ministry for two months. We didn’t know anything about the place, the people or the missionaries. We had no idea that God was throwing us right into the middle of a giant web He was weaving there in His plan to prepare for Himself a bride among these people.”

The day after the Laniers arrived, yet another delegation of Tanguats came pleading for missionaries to teach in their village. But this time new missionaries “just happened” to be spending two months in the village. New missionaries who weren’t yet scheduled to go anywhere in particular. New missionaries who were looking for a place to serve.



“As we and our Inapang brothers and sisters helped the Laniers finish out their national language study, something amazing began to happen,” wrote the Housleys. “We all fell in love with this sweet family. We, along with the Inapangs, began praying that the Lord would bring the Laniers back to help them reach the Tangguats.”

God was also working in the hearts of the Laniers. “We heard over and over again their urgent desire to take the gospel to the Tangguat people,” wrote Tim and Tiffany. “They would tell us, ‘Our family is dying and going to the place of fire! We have to go tell them. But we can’t do it by ourselves. We need help. ... We can do the literacy teaching. We can do the Bible teaching. We’ve done it all in our own villages. But we can’t do the translation. We need help to translate God’s Word into the Tangguat language.’

“As the weeks went on, the Lord impressed on us the incredible opportunity He was laying before us. We could assist the indigenous church in a way that would promote their continued maturing, while further equipping them for ministry in a way not possible otherwise.

“At the time, there were logistical barriers that seemed prohibitive. If this was going to happen, we would have to take the church planting and ministry model we had been taught, and fit it into a very different context. We would be learning language and culture from bilingual Tangguat believers in the Inapang village so as to be working under the Inapang church.... But aside from those mountains in our road, the Lord seemed to be encouraging us that way. So we continued to pray.”

MUCH TO PRAY ABOUT

The two months passed quickly. The Laniers left with much on their minds and much to pray about. The Inapang church prayed for their return.

Back in town, the Laniers watched God remove all the obstacles and open the way for them to partner with the Inapang church. It was an exciting day when the Laniers made a return visit to share their exciting news with the Inapang believers.

“We’ve seen your desire to take the gospel to the Tangguat people,” the Laniers told them. “We’ve heard your stories. You’ve told us you are able and ready to teach literacy, to teach the Bible, but you need help with translating the Bible into their language. We want to help you do that.”

A partnership was born.



KEEPING THE INAPANGS AS THE “FACE”

“We purposefully chose ... to live and minister from the neighbouring Inapang village,” the Laniers explained. “One of the primary reasons was that we hoped to remove the missionary as the ‘face’ of this work, so that it would be a work of the Inapang church. We hoped that it would create an interdependency between the Inapang church and the future Tangguat church from the beginning.”

This meant that the Laniers, and later Promise Vaughan when she joined the team, primarily worked with Tangguat-speaking believers in the Inapang village to learn the culture and language of the Tangguat people. Remember Tiffany’s friend Ellen from the beginning of the story? She was one of those Tangguat-speaking believers.

“When we moved into Inapang to start our ministry to the Tangguat people, Ellen was right at the forefront ready to help and be a part of taking the gospel to her own people,” Tiffany shared. “She worked faithfully and tirelessly teaching me the Tangguat language and then later teaching Promise as well.”

Though learning the Tangguat culture and language in the Inapang village introduced challenges for the missionaries, it kept them focused on partnering with the Inapang church — and kept the Inapang church directly involved with the missionaries and the subsequent outreach from day one.

LITERACY: AN ESSENTIAL COMPONENT

This partnership was highlighted at the introduction of the Tangguat literacy program. In just under a week, Tangguat-speaking believers in the Inapang village wrote more than 100 stories. The missionaries entered the stories into the computer and created four primers, four graded readers, and multiple post-literacy reading books from the stories provided.

And then it was back into the hands of the Inapang church. The Inapang church began Tangguat literacy classes with the new materials. After the first class, new Tangguat readers co-taught the classes that followed, until eventually the students became the sole teachers.

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

Their partnership carried through to curriculum development. Since the Inapang Bible teachers had never been involved in curriculum development, it would have been far easier for the missionaries to just “get it done.” They could have outlined the lessons, translated them, and handed them over to the Inapang church as a great resource for teaching their Tangguat neighbours.

But this was a partnership. And both the missionaries and the Inapangs were invested in the process.

“We started small and worked with them to outline the lessons. At the beginning, even this seemed like a monumental task,” shared Tim Lanier. “I would teach them some concepts and ... see them worked out. Then they would turn around and teach the concepts to the other guys working on writing the lessons. This further cemented in their minds what they were doing.”

The missionaries led the way through the process, but left oversight of the six to 10 men who were developing content for the lessons to a couple of bilingual Inapang Bible teachers.

“All 75 lessons were written by hand,” Tim said. “Then Tiffany and Promise typed them into the computer. Each lesson went through several stages of proofing by the Inapang Bible teachers. They laboured intently for a year and a half before the lessons were completed.”

A DATE IS SET

Some days just stand out in your mind — like that Saturday morning

when the Inapang church stepped into their leadership role. The missionaries sat back as the Inapang church decided that the teaching should begin on April 27, 2015. They watched on as the Inapang church chose the teaching teams and independently determined to meet in advance to practice and become familiar with the lessons.

“I could see the reins passing from myself to the church and the church leadership as they took the lead on when and how this was all going to happen,” Tim shared. “It was both nerve-wracking and exciting all at the same time.”

With the date set, the excitement was now palpable.

“This was not just to be a Bible class,” Tim explained, “but a journey through the Bible with the intention to use God’s Word to dislodge the old animistic beliefs and way of understanding the world around them, and replace it with a biblical understanding.”

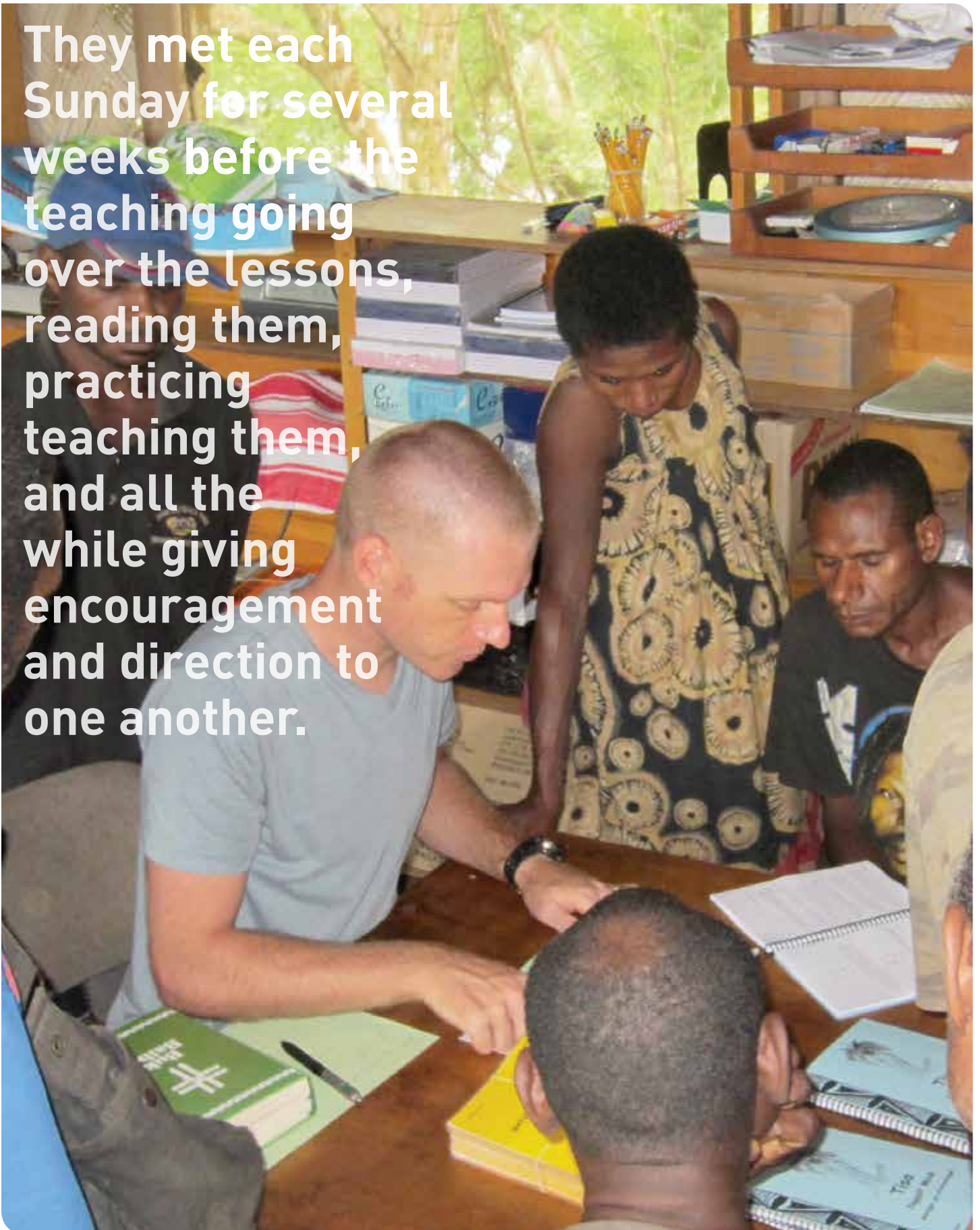
FOUNDATIONAL BIBLE TEACHING

Each week, the Inapangs made the two-plus hour hike through the swamp to spend the week with the Tangguat people. It wasn’t an easy hike or an easy task. Tangguat was the mother tongue for some of the Bible teachers, but not for all of them. The hard work and fear of speaking in another language made some of the Bible teachers shake from nerves. But they stood up, trusted God and taught anyway. And He proved faithful.

“I rejoiced as I walked through the village those first afternoons,” Tim shared. “Everywhere I went I saw Inapang believers, both men and women, sitting with the Tangguat people reviewing the lessons and answering questions. It was so exciting to see them eager to pass on these great truths and stepping across language and culture barriers with His Word.”

It was early in the teaching when Anton, one of the bilingual Bible teachers, reported, “This week the Tangguats heard the story ... of the

They met each Sunday for several weeks before the teaching going over the lessons, reading them, practicing teaching them, and all the while giving encouragement and direction to one another.





fall of man. When they heard ... how [Satan] desired to destroy Adam and Eve, the Tangguats were angry and said, ‘What Satan did to Adam and Eve then, he still does to us now!’ What is truly amazing is that, without yet having the explicit teaching on sin and God’s holy standards, they are already seeing themselves as descendants of Adam in a completely hopeless situation with their sin.”

Later, as the Tangguats heard of the Flood and the destruction of the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, they repeatedly asked, ‘How can we remove our sin? We are just like those people that God destroyed!’

What a heart-breaking place to be! But that was exactly where the Tangguats needed to be. People must first recognize they are lost before they can be saved.

With the birth of John the Baptist, the Tangguats saw a glimmer of hope. It was clear to them that John the Baptist was the one God said would prepare the way for the promised Redeemer. ‘They were hearing that ... the One that God said would rescue them was coming,’ Tim wrote.

They eagerly listened as they were taught about the early days of Jesus’ ministry. And they were getting it. ‘Jesus is our Deliverer!’ they exclaimed. ‘God is going to save us!

But how is He going to do it?’

Then came the rest of the story. After hearing that God Himself gave His life as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of mankind, they finally understood the ‘how’ — and responded in faith. Testimonies flooded in.

‘There is nothing we can do to bring ourselves back to God. It is God alone! Jesus came and died for our sins and it is only because of Him that we can come to God,’ Tresia said with a glow on her face.

‘Jesus is the one door to God. His blood was shed for us. ... He has completely erased all our sin,’ shared Jon.

Another man said, ‘He did this for us freely! He had no debt with us and yet He did this completely on His own for us. He should not have done it. We were sinners and did not deserve it and yet He did!’

One after another, the testimonies kept coming.

TWO-PART BLESSING

‘A really neat aspect of this church plant is that it has two sides that we get to take part in,’ wrote the Laniers. ‘One being the Tangguat people hearing the truths of God’s Word and His redemptive story. The other is seeing the Inapang church grow and



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thrive as they step across linguistic and cultural barriers to take God's Word to their neighbours."

For the missionaries, it never grew old to hear the Inapang believers exclaiming, "Now the Inapang and Tangguat believers are one family!"

Intermarriage wove a familial connection between these two people groups, but the power of the gospel made them brothers and sisters in Christ. And two of these sisters, missionary Tiffany Lanier and Tangguat believer Ellen — their own relationship foreshadowing a much larger one to come — have watched with joy at what God has done.

THE VALUE OF YIELDED LIVES

"Not only has the Lord birthed a church among the Tangguat people, but He has shown His church [the Inapang church] here in this valley that there is nothing He cannot do with men and women who are yielded to Himself," wrote the Laniers. "Who knows what the Lord has in store for His small band of believers in this remote part of the jungle. For now, though, they have their work cut out for them as they begin to nurture and disciple this brand-new church in the Tangguat area."

God works through lives that are yielded to Him to do whatever He asks. In this case we have both the missionaries and the Inapang church yielded and willing to serve. The missionaries were willing to take the "back seat" and partner with indigenous believers, guiding them through the proven NTM process of evangelizing and establishing new churches. And the Inapang church was ready to take the gospel beyond their border and comfort zone.

As God weaves the tapestry of our lives, there are many threads. Some appear as shiny gold strands, while others a dull gray in the background. Yet all the threads, interwoven together, are essential to create God's masterpiece.

There are still unreached people groups who don't even know it, but they are waiting for their eternal destinies to be intertwined with those willing to bring them the gospel message. They are waiting for their destinies to be intertwined with prayer and financial partners who will send those willing messengers of the gospel. Will we yield the threads of our lives to God to be interwoven into His masterpiece as He sees best? It doesn't get better than that.

— Rosie Cochran, Staff Writer



Born in Wales and raised in Canada, Rosie Cochran has served with NTM for more than 20 years, most of them in Venezuela. She uses her writing skills as a staff writer on the NTM Communications team. Rosie is grateful for her sending church, Second Baptist Church of Auburn, New York, who have stood with her all these years.

Translating as a Team

Rejoicing Continues

Rejoicing continues in the Inapang and Tangguat communities. A church has been born among the Tangguats and their Inapang neighbours are ready to nurture this infant church.

Something else continues as well. Promise Vaughan continues translating God's Word into the Tangguat language. But she needs help. And, as often is the case, help is coming from an unexpected place.

An Unlikely Candidate

Ellen is a Tangguat believer married

to an Inapang man. She was an unlikely candidate to be involved in the translation process. But she was yielded to God. And willing.

"Ellen has been a wonderful asset as we check all the translated Scripture to be sure it is communicating clearly, and she [does] Scripture translation drafting work with Promise on a weekly basis," Tiffany wrote. "She had very little education ... and yet she is carrying a very important role in helping with the translation. She says she knows she is weak and needs God's strength to help her. ... Ellen asks for prayer."

Prayer Needed

Please pray for both Ellen and Promise Vaughan.

Pray for

Promise as she translates God's Word into the Tangguat language. Pray for Ellen as she reviews the translated portions with Promise to be sure they are accurate and clearly present God's Word in the local vernacular.

— Rosie Cochran, Contributing Editor



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Jacob grew up in Nova Scotia... His dad was a captain of a fishing boat. His grandpa was a captain of a fishing boat... so many thought Jacob would follow in those footsteps. In grade 11, Jacob was home-schooled which allowed him to go lobster fishing for a few seasons—Jacob realized that fishing wasn't for him. After graduating from High School, Jacob went to a Community College for a degree in Cabinet Carpentry, then off to Bible school. After Bible school he went to Papua New Guinea in 2005 to work for one year as an associate with NTM.

Beth moved around a lot throughout her childhood but she was always thankful to return to the same Christian camp each summer where her mom worked as the nurse. There, Beth found her love of cooking and baking as she volunteered each weekend in the kitchen. Later, Beth headed to Panama on a missions trip with NTM. This opened her worldview up to missions and the possibility of being a missionary chef in the future. After culinary school, with much fear and excitement Beth went to Papua New Guinea for one year and then again for two years to serve as the cook. Feeling

that God wanted here to serve at Interface full time, she went through the NTM training and returned to Interface as the chef. And that was where she was working in 2005 when Jacob arrived.

Through this time of working together and hanging out, Jacob and Beth became friends. After Jacob finished his year in Papua New Guinea, he decided to join NTM. After finishing the training in Durham, Jacob felt Interface was the place God wanted him to serve and that Beth was the woman God wanted him to marry. So when Beth arrived back in North America for home assignment, Jacob proposed. They were married on November 9, 2009 and arrived back at Interface to join the staff in January 2010. They have served at Interface for three years together. They then moved to Wewak in the Sepik of Papua New Guinea where Jacob is doing maintenance for the New Tribes Center. Beth, in addition to looking after Jonathan, is helping part time in the finance office.

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What are your skills? How can you use them for the kingdom?

Making a Bible translation that will be used

\$35 pays for a verse. That's how much it costs to pay native speakers as translation co-workers, and provide for electricity, paper, batteries and more. That also includes costs for printing proofs, and for missionaries experienced in translation, Bible lessons and literacy to come into remote villages to check progress, provide guidance and ensure accuracy.

But churches need more than Bibles translated. They need Bible lessons that help them understand a God they never knew about, and literacy materials to help them learn to read

their own language for the first time. All those must be printed, transported and distributed.

New Tribes Mission estimates that it takes 15 years and \$277,000 from the time a work starts until a Bible is printed. That works out to about \$35 a verse. Will you sponsor a verse or two, or ten? Perhaps you could choose a chapter or even a book to sponsor. All for only \$35 a verse.

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Darren and Mary could not have grown up in more diverse settings. Mary, a sheltered young farm-girl turned school teacher in the Conservative Mennonite culture. Darren, a wild city boy, lifeguard, from a non-christian home. Neither imagined what God had in store for them. Mary questioning her role as an obedient young lady in a church seemingly not able to reach the lost "English" around her. Darren not knowing how to fill the "void" in his life, turning to drinking and drugs, unknowingly lead by an unknown God into the country to be brought to

the Lord by a Mennonite dairy farmer.

Darren was introduced to the astonishing life of Jesus, experiencing a Saul conversion. He met Mary soon after and continued an adventure of a lifetime.

From, atheist to Old Order, to church planting and missions in Brazil—God has now lead them to New Tribes Mission. As Darren puts it, "Recently our 'hearts burned within us' as we listened to the Holy Spirit speak through Tim Whatley concerning the awesome work the Lord is accomplishing through the work at NTM. This was followed up by an

Darren and Mary Cook

Canada > Campus Maintenance

Sending Church: Gorrie Bible Fellowship, Gorrie, ON

invitation to put our shoulders to the wheel and join the Maintenance Team at the NTM campus in Durham. At first I was wondered how necessary this was in promoting the gospel. I can now say, after three weeks of orientation, we see the need is great."

"There are so many areas to branch into—we were made for this. We have an opportunity to be a part of God's work through NTM. Please enable us to the work. Pray for us. We need you. The fields are white unto the Harvest!"

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What's your role in global missions?

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What do computers have to do with missions? EVERYTHING! Gary Smith, missionary to the Dinangat people of Papua New Guinea explains:

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“The IT team has played a major role in our church development ministry. They advised us on the best equipment for our circumstances. They even



Dinangat believers, Lukas and Basa, and Gary Smith edit Bible teaching lessons.

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—David Pierce, Contributing Editor

Thinking Long term: Good Stewardship

“It’s such a blessing to partner with NTM to minister to tribal people in villages far from home. Giving to missionaries allows my family to be a part of reaching people we’d never meet in our day to day lives. It’s exciting to know that through our giving we’re linked to the planting of churches around the world.”

— Casey Short



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“Jesus... is the one door to God. His blood was shed for us and if we believe in Him, then by that road we will come to God. He has completely erased all our sin and because of that I am so happy.”
- Jon, a Tangguat believer



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The Right Kind of Dependence

The Challenge

It was a joint partnership. Tim and Tiffany Lanier and the Inapang church working together to reach the Tangguat people. So it made sense that the Laniers would choose to live in the Inapang village instead of moving directly into a Tangguat village. They were serving under the Inapang church, they wanted to remove the missionary as the “face” of the work, and they wanted to foster an interdependency between the Inapang church and the future Tangguat church. But this brought its own set of challenges.

Standing True

“Having a ... missionary brings with it some status and prestige and also the hope of material benefits. So the fact that we chose not to live directly among the Tangguats even though we were ‘their missionaries’ left them a bit confused and dissatisfied,” the Laniers explained.

They didn’t get it. The Tangguats wanted the missionary to live in their village — and not giving them what they wanted wasn’t always easy.

Affirmation

Fast forward to after a fledgling church was born among the Tangguats and the Laniers were making plans for a year of home assignment back in the USA. That’s when Nduan, one of the church elders, stopped by the Laniers’ house with unexpected words of encouragement.

Nduan teaching

He said the people were saying, “Tim is leaving soon, but that is OK because he is leaving God’s Word here with us. ... It is so good that Tim is not living here with us. If he were, we would be depending on him and not depending strongly on God’s Word.”

Talk about God smoothing over a sore spot. Talk about affirmation. The Tangguats finally got it. They understood it. They even thought it was a good thing.

Please pray for the newborn Tangguat church to continue to mature as they depend on God and His Word.

—Rosie Cochran, Contributing Editor



Enlightened

Undiagnosed

He was a leader in the Tangguat community, a graduate of the first Tangguat literacy class, and very interested in listening to the teaching. But he was ill and had been for a couple of years. Presumably dying. And no one, not even the doctors in town, could figure out what his illness was. Already a discussion had taken place about hiring a “seer” to determine who had poisoned him. Why else would he be ill? Why else would someone die if it were not for being poisoned?

A Traditional Solution

And then he died. Apprehension rippled through the community as people wondered how rapidly the situation would escalate as blame was cast.

“Many of the Bible teachers from our home Inapang village left early in the morning to be with the family and help manage any fights that might break out over who had ‘poisoned’ him and caused him to die,” wrote Tim and Tiffany Lanier. That would be



the traditional solution. That was the Tanguat way.

The Laniers waited for the teachers to return, wondering how bad it would get.

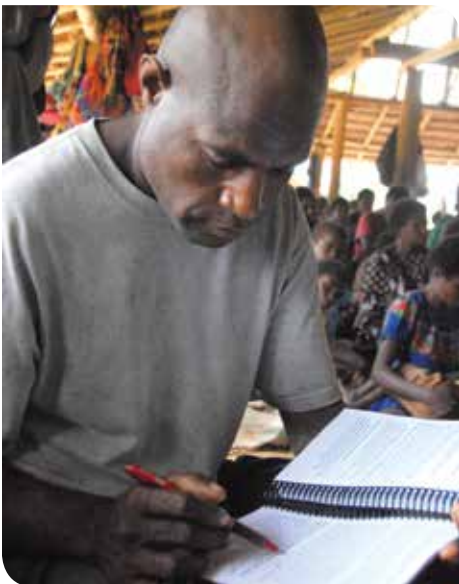
An Unexpected Response

The news from the Bible teachers when they returned was not what the Laniers expected.

“They are not fighting,” an Inapang church elder told the Laniers. “They are just very worried about this one they have lost. They are saying, ‘We know now that death is not new. God first showed us death when He killed an animal to fix Adam and Eve’s sin. And now because we are his descendants, death has been passed all the way down to us. It is not new. It is not from poison.’” This was a radical shift from the Tanguat’s old belief system.

Tim and Tiffany ask that we “praise the Lord with us as we see the power of His Word piercing the depths of the Tanguat people’s animistic beliefs.”

— Rosie Cochran, Contributing Editor



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A Global Team

By Ian Fallis, Contributing Editor

Reaching people in places like Papua New Guinea involves people in places like Indiana and Florida

The teamwork needed to reach the Tangguat people stretched far beyond the Inapang and Tangguat villages, all the way to Indiana.

That's the home of John and Margaret Martin, who have financially partnered with Tim and Tiffany Lanier, and helped in other practical ways. "Margaret is a graphic designer and has designed several pieces of material for us over the years," Tim said. "There are many different kinds of things we as missionaries often have to be able to do and it is very helpful when people step up and help us with some of those things."

"I love the work I do," said Margaret, who works for Purdue Universities, "and believe that it is only by God's grace I have a career in the field of graphic design at all. It is the

least I can do to honour Him by using the skills and resources I've been given to further His kingdom."

And she's grateful for the opportunities. "I could decline to be a part of the ministry and watch their work on Facebook and say, 'Yay, Tim and Tiffany!' Or I could be invested through my gifts and talents and be speechless that the pittance I gave could be used by God and turned into something so awesome."

In Florida, missionaries on NTM USA's Communications team also play an important role in the Tangguat team.

Tim and Tiffany were just home from the field and needed resources to represent their ministry. The Communications team quickly prepared what they needed for meetings

with current and potential supporters, "and the final product was very well done. We are currently using all these pieces of literature to further inform others about what the Lord is doing in Papua New Guinea. Their help has been invaluable to us."

Rex Crawford, who coordinates that work, is also grateful for the opportunity to be part of the team.

"I play a small part in seeing that missionaries have the tools they need to present their ministries to churches and individuals," he said. "Developing partnership relationships becomes easier with the quality tools we have crafted and developed."

Closer to the village, but still a long way away, Dennis and Jeanne Best in the Tribal Resource Centre in Papua New Guinea have printed literacy curriculum and Bible lesson books and booklets for the Inapangs and Tangguats.

"Their help has enabled us to continue producing the huge amounts of materials needed to keep the literacy programs running there and to keep



From their home in Indiana, John and Margaret Martin are invested in the Laniers' ministry through prayer, giving and offering to help in practical way with their God-given abilities.

"I could ... watch their work on Facebook and say, 'Yay, Tim and Tiffany!' Or I could be invested ..."

Seeing churches planted where none existed before is what motivates pilot Ray Finsaas. Here he takes time to put faces to the unreached.



the new church fed with God's Word through the Bible lessons," Tim said.

"We count it a privilege to have a part of what God is doing all over the world," Dennis wrote. "When the Tanguat church was born, we knew we had a part in seeing this happen, and this is what will last for eternity."

"Our aviation personnel have been incredibly supportive of the effort going on there," Tim added. "Our pilots, Ray Finsaas and Mike McGregor, have gone out of their way time and again to serve us and the church planting effort.

"Every time they come into our village they are eager to know what the latest news is and what is happening. They pray for us and the church here, and it is clear that they and their families see themselves as an integral part of what is going on there and we are so thankful for that."

"The thing that has kept me here through the hard times," Ray said, "is knowing that my ministry is a vital part of a team effort to take the gospel to tribes like the Tanguats, who have never heard. The Tanguat ministry is an extension of the Inapang church, and for me it has been especially rewarding to watch this church planting effort unfold since the very beginning."

Margaret has also found it rewarding to be part of the Tanguat team. "This may be a no-brainer, but you

can't outgive God. The older I get, the more I disdain the 'stuff' we spend our lives to get or achieve... I support Tim and Tiffany in their work with the Tanguat people because God gave me life, and a mission, and abundant resources to use to further His kingdom."

"What God has given us," Dennis said, "He wants to use for His glory. Whatever skills, abilities, and gifts that He has given us, will have eternal results if they are placed in His hands to use in His way."

"You don't need to be a church planter to get involved in missions," Ray added. "Our ministry is definitely a team effort, and we could not function without each other's gifts and abilities."

With countless other financial and prayer partners, encouragers and a team of missionaries doing everything from training and administration to supply buying and accounting, the teamwork that it takes to reach the Tanguats and others who need to hear looks a lot like the Body of Christ. All of us and each of us are blessed when each member of the body is doing his or her part. Thank you for the role you're playing in the body.

And if your eyes are open to more opportunities to be His hands and feet, subscribe to NTM's **Opportunities to Get Involved** email: ntm.org/subscribe



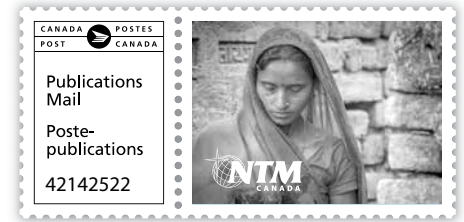
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After literacy booklets and Bible lessons are written in the tribal language, someone has to print and assemble them. That's where Dennis and Jeanne Best come in.

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