

A day in the life...

It was a Wednesday morning during school break. The day started with a visit to the Ukarumpa clinic for a check-up for Heidi, who has been having some mild wheezing issues over the last couple of years. We are so grateful for the capable doctors and nurses there.

While I (Clare) picked up some local currency from the finance office to spend at the fruit and vegetable market, Levi and Eowyn visited the traditional drum, shaped like a pig, that was a gift from a language community who received Scripture books and AudiBibles in their own language last year. Eowyn doesn't understand the significance of the pig, but she certainly is delighted by it!

Next, we enjoyed hanging out (literally; see below) with Rachel, a student from Moody Bible College in the US, who is here in Ukarumpa to do her teaching practice. We have two student teachers here this semester and I have been helping them with arrangements and with settling in.

The day then went a little pear shaped: While we were at the store, the horn started going off on my vehicle and I couldn't get it to stop! I drove home to wait for Andrew there, but by the time he'd arrived, the horn had aggravated a swarm of bees enough that they decided to attack! Fortunately only very minor injuries were incurred.

In the afternoon, we decided to try to find a spider we'd spotted the week before; it was bigger than a saucer! Again, things didn't exactly go to plan as we got caught in a torrential rainstorm which left even the spider looking bedraggled and hard to spot!





Our neighbours, Mack and Doris Graham, have been working amongst the Kandawo people for over 30 years. They faced many difficulties including lack of interest, opposition, threats, and the destruction of more than one house.

Miraculously though, in the past few years God opened the door to completing the Kandawo New Testament. The whole NT was also recorded and Kandawo people are over the moon about listening to their Audibibles. They finally saw enthusiasm and softening of hearts which they'd never seen before. This photo (by Karen Weaver) was taken at the New Testament dedication.

One Kandawo speaker explained, "We used to be ashamed because we really didn't understand the talk in church. But now it has come near and now we are no longer ashamed. We know exactly what is going on. The Audible is like the roots of a tree that go deep down, not just on the surface. These roots go down to the very ends and reveal the talk completely. It is no longer hidden, it's out in the open."

Andrew was elected again to serve on the Executive Committee of our organisation. In this photo (by Phil King) he is pictured with the other members of the outgoing committee. Please pray for wisdom for him as he continues to juggle many roles, and continues to see more engines brought into the Autosshop than he has time to fix.

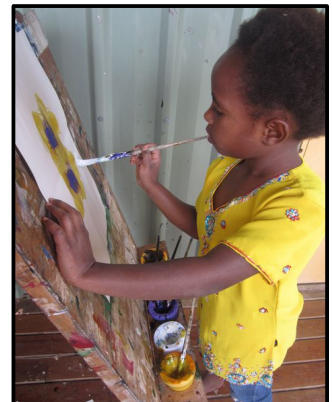


I have seven weeks left of teaching Kindergarten two mornings a week. Thank you for praying for us all during this time. I'm looking forward to having more time to focus on the recruitment work, and to seeing what else I might get involved with.

We are also happy to report that my trip to Brisbane with Eowyn to see the specialist there went well; he was pleased that her condition seems stable.

Thanks again for your prayers, encouragement and financial support.

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with Levi, Heidi and Eowyn**



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