

Hard Work, Fun and Home Assignment...

Life continues to be full of change! After our time at the Pacific Orientation Course, we went on holiday to the Sunshine Coast, near Brisbane, Australia, where my (Clare's) parents treated us to us to a fun holiday. Since then we've been working very hard back here at the Ukarumpa centre, and are now working on plans to visit the UK and the US later this year.



As you can see from these photos, Levi enjoyed many new experiences in Australia, from koalas to fast food to rock pools.

After our time away, I had a lot to do at school, ordering supplies for the next year and analysing the results of tests taken by the students. On top of this, I volunteered to take on some of the duties of a colleague who went overseas temporarily. This was an extremely busy time, and although I was glad to help out, I'm glad it's over!



Here's your chance to do some 'translation'. See if you understand what Levi is saying in this interview about our time in Australia!

Clare: Levi, what did you do in Australia?

Levi: I go Granny Grandad. Have spades and buckets and sandcastles. Tractor dig sand on the beach.

Clare: Did you go swimming?

Levi: I got in the sea.



Andrew's Creative Energy



Andrew recently built this battery charger for a translator family. The family usually relies on solar power in their village house, but find that they are only getting around three hours of sunlight each day. This means that there isn't always enough electricity to power their computers, as well as those of the national translators. This charger will allow them to have a back-up power supply at all times.

Coming Your Way

We'll be visiting the UK and the US later this year to catch up with friends, family and churches, share about the work in PNG, update our professional skills, and carry out any assignments that Wycliffe may give us.

We'll spend one month in Florida in June 2011, followed by four months in the UK. From November to January 2011, we'll be in the Eastern US. For a detailed schedule of events, visit andrewandclarekoens.blogspot.com. We don't have many fixed plans yet, but as they develop, we'll update the website.

We will be available to speak and lead activities at churches, youth and children's groups, schools and small groups. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in less formal settings too! Please get in touch to arrange a date.

We're excited that our second child is due on 29th August, when we'll be in England.



PRAISE GOD:

- For the baby due in August and that the pregnancy seems to be going well.
- That staff needs at Ukarumpa International School are being met.

PLEASE PRAY:

- That we will see God's provision for all our needs while we are on home assignment.
- For wisdom as we plan this time away from PNG.

With gratitude for all your support and encouragement,

Clare, Andrew and Levi

Keep in Touch!

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