

FAMILY NEWS

#1 - A LEGACY

Don, in typical Don fashion, was chatting away in Pidgin with the guy waiting next to him.

Upon finding out the fellow was a UPNG professor, Don asked what his specialty was. Forest ecology! Don explained that his father had done work in that general field while in PNG in the 1950's.

"What is your dad's name?

"Alex Floyd" Don said.

"Alex Floyd! I have studied specimens he collected, still in our herbarium. His name is in our science history books."



Above. Don's Dad beside a tree species that is named after him: *Endiandra floydii*

#2 - A TEENAGER



That's right! Jono turned 13 at the end of August. Our youngest is no longer a child.

Following the Floyds

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LANGUAGE RESOURCES

In a long dry "Position Results Descripton" for our ministry, there is a list of things that we do in PNG. Two of them are:

Interaction with Papua New Guineans demonstrates Christ's love and leads to sharing of the gospel with old and new contacts.

Papua New Guineans are being trained in manual skills and computer skills.

What does that look like in real life?

Sometimes it looks like the red book pictured here. Cheri found this Bible study in both Tok Pisin (or Pidgin) and Huli. She introduced the study to Fugwa District women's leaders in Tok Pisin, since Cheri doesn't speak fluent Huli. The leaders then studied it even more deeply than she had expected. They spent 20 weeks on a 10 week study book, making sure they fully understood what was being taught and memorising all the key verses. Cheri then did a bit more follow-up training on how to lead a Bible study group.

Finally the women's leaders launched the Huli version of the study village by village. We praise God for the results coming from a clear study of basic Christian beliefs in the heart language of the Fugwa district. There are reports of conversions, backsliders being reclaimed and heresy being stamped out.

Don often finds himself often sharing the audio Bible in various tribal languages, helping pastors, trainee carpenters and others download these recordings on their phones.



In fact, last Sunday, our family arrived at church to find only a few old people and several small children. The pastor and most of the congregation had gone to a funeral. Don played Galatians 5 and Phillipians 4 in the local language on his smart phone. What a joy to hear the old ones making noises of affirmation as they listened! We all prayed together and then went home knowing God had met with us.

*I Keriso
talima
poa ho ko.*



NEWS FROM AROUND PNG AND ABROAD



(Left) Kids from Kondopina. They are the whole reason our family worked hard in September facilitating workshops for teachers, run by the World Hope volunteers from Australia. Teachers told us they learnt more about phonics in four days of workshop than they ever knew from government training.

(right) 600 Wesleyan women gather at Parliament House to pray for their nation. Cheri spoke twice during the national Wesleyan women's conference. Cheri reminisced with Poisey Eapaea about the first women's conference they organized together in 2002 and were pleased when 40 women came! Praise God for this year's conference organised fully by PNG women!



(left, with Walter and Dorothy Hotchkin) September 1991, we had only been married 6 months. This photo was taken of the oldest and newest missionaries who attended the anniversary celebrations that year. 25 years later, the passion for serving in PNG remains. (Weren't we young?!)

(right) August. Our family went to Brisbane with PNG church leader Roy and Bible College teachers Andy and Ninde. We met theological educators from around the Pacific and America. The PNG lecturers came away with new-found confidence, realising that God has done and is doing good things at the Wesleyan Bible college of PNG.



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