



Sobaisagalada Faibeda Saba Ufuluda

Greetings Family and Friends!

Beginning in Genesis chapter 6, we find the account of Noah and the flood. The Bible tells us that Noah found favor with God and he listened to God's instructions. Because of this, after the rains ceased and the floods subsided, God made a covenant with Noah in the form of a rainbow stretching across the sky.

When I see a rainbow, I am reminded of God's abundant promises. I can't help but think that God has been wanting me to focus on this because of the recent profusion of rainbows that have been displayed here. Life and ministry in PNG is filled with transitions and changes, but I can rest assured that God will remain faithful. And when I forget, He will remind me, even if it takes something as blatantly obvious as a dozen rainbows.

In May and June, I spent 5 weeks in the Southern Highlands village of Walagu with Liz, who has been working for the past year with the Onobasulu people. It was wonderful to work closely with the dedicated national translators and literacy workers in order to start production on an Onobasulu picture dictionary. I enjoyed weekend trips into the bush to visit people's gardens and learning how to process sago, one of their major



Liz and I after mud-sliding, during a rain-storm with some of the village children.

food staples. The lazy afternoons were great, playing Frisbee on the grass, cooling off in the river, learning some basic Onobasulu and just hanging out with the people of Walagu. The Walagu children were definitely the highlight of the trip; their laughter and enthusiasm were contagious.

Liz and I organized a two week kid's program to promote literacy and scripture use. In Onobasulu, Noah's Ark translates to *Noahe hano sibi mololu*. This means literally "Noah water ship

built". On day 4 of our kid's program in Walagu village, we read the story of Noah, sang songs, did a puppet show about the flood from the animals perspective, reviewed the week's memory verse (Acts 4:24), did relay races with water and finished the day with a Noah coloring sheet.

The children's excitement and joy, expressed at the novelty of new games (dodgeball!) and activities (coloring with crayons!) was very refreshing. And even on days when Liz and I were exhausted, their good-natured antics could make us laugh. I praise God for



this great opportunity to get to spend time with Papua New Guineans, as well as contribute to an ongoing language project.

I am now back in Ukarumpa and continuing to work with the STEP course. It is really fun to be able to see the participants learning and growing from one course module to the next. See my blog for more course pictures and highlights.

When the course finishes on the 22nd of July, I will leave for a three week trip back to California. I am very excited to be the maid-of-honor in my best friend's wedding. And this trip gives me a great opportunity to see my family and reconnect with friends before heading back to PNG. If you are in the Sacramento or Santa Barbara area I look forward to seeing you very soon!

Resting on His Promises-
Joy Candee;-)

Strengthening Tokples Education in PNG

The STEP Course exists to equip men and women as effective leaders to help meet the varied literacy needs of Papua New Guinea communities.



↑ Silk-screening Vernacular Books
→ Me and My New Mentee Betty



↑ Drawing Class
Creative Writing—
Guess what's in the bag? (worms!?!- no just cooked noodles) ↓



↑ Mara and Simon Presenting Predictable Stories

“I believe that God can bring transformation to this nation through literacy.”
← -Simon



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