

Patience and Passion

Dear Family and Friends-

Life is an amazing journey. Each new experience and challenge is a gift in its own way. I may not always see it at first, but looking back it is not hard to observe what God has done. He is in control. Even though I make my own decisions, I am not powerful enough to mess with his plans.

When I have come to a crossroads in the past, I have known more or less which choice to make. But now is a time when things are not so clear. I am truly passionate about my work here in PNG and have already extended an extra year. But for various reasons I will not be staying longer than December 2011. Maybe God's plan is to bring me back sometime in the future, but for now I will be moving on to something else.

It is this 'something else' that is not so clear and so I will wait patiently for wisdom and guidance. I do have some ideas and I plan to look into various options with an open mind. Literacy has consumed my time here in PNG and I will continue happily to have it be my focus for the rest of this year and maybe in the future as well. I really do enjoy both living and working outside of the US. And I love the people, the Papua New Guineans, but as my mother once remarked, I would fall in love with the people wherever I worked.

I know that I want to be somewhere where I can both live and work with passion. Where this is, I do not know but I am not ready to move on yet so not knowing is ok for now. I intend to finish my time in PNG without saying my good-byes early. This is blessed time that God has given me to work with and to love on the people. I want to make the most of it.

Maya Angelou said, "Seek patience and passion in equal amounts. Patience alone will not build the temple. Passion alone will destroy its walls." Now is a time for both patience and passion. Passion to continue what I have begun here in PNG and patience to await whatever the future holds.

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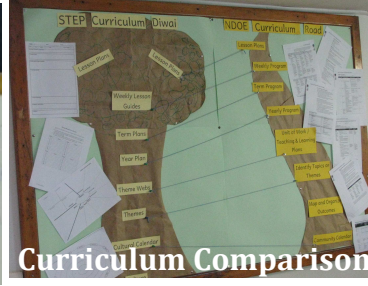
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Teaching



Curriculum Comparison



Hauwo



Students and Staff

The 19 men all graduated from STEP (some over 10 years ago) and are still working with vernacular literacy.



Mara and Simon– STEP grads turned STEP staff



Jeffery



Consulting

These two pictures by Phil King

Tentative Calendar 2011 into 2012

Although I currently don't have long-term plans, I do know basically where I will be for the rest of the year. Obviously, this is all subject to change.

May- Ukarumpa
June & July- Walagu
August & Sep. – Ukarumpa
Oct. & Nov.- Walagu
December- Europe (Germany?)
January- US (Atlanta, Chicago?)
February- California