

Dear prayer partners,

*Just wanted to write a follow-up and say **thank you so much** for praying with us for the Gospel of Luke video & audio recording with Chad Owens out in Gaulim.*

Some specific praises and obstacles overcome -

Chad got on with us and the Uramät Baining group who recorded very well. He ate village food for lunch every day and was patient and respectful with all of us through the recording process. He adapted to our need for quiet at times, miniature bats (and a few rats) in our house at night and a new kitten who contributed to the mayhem!

It is rainy season and we recorded at our translation office, which is about a 15 minute walk/hike away from our house. We were able to enlist some help from a local Baining man with a PMV (15 seat van) to shuttle Gary, Chad and computers to and from the office each day. (that meant they started and ended PNG time but it worked ok for that period of time)

The villagers kept noise to a minimum during the recording days, which was no small thing because it was the last 2 weeks of the Christmas break.

Boas's (translator, Narrator for this project) two youngest children became very ill with malaria the day Chad arrived but God intervened and helped us all adjust the recording program so he could help with their care - praise the Lord we have a health centre in the village.

Typically we had about 5-6 adults who would sit in the back of the room and watch. Though at times they got pretty talkative about what they saw Chad doing with the blocks on the screen, they responded well to a few reminders about recording protocol and were very interested in the recording process. A number of them shared a few very moving viewing moments, (including Chad who did not know Ura) especially finishing the final evangelistic message and the final words of Jesus. Tears, silence, reflection.

It rained most days, but never prevented us from recording and the one HUGE rain we had came on the closing ceremony day, not a recording day.

Our team finished recording in 9 working days. We had a closing gathering on Thursday the 31st of January to say thank you to Chad.

One of the highlights for him was the gifts he was given - a handpainted tapa cloth headband, a traditional slingshot and a monetary gift. He was also brought a 6 foot python for his son, (they'd heard his son had made a cage for a green tree python) which he decided to decline. However he and Gary each took a turn at learning to pick up the python in the proper way from the ground and both were successful and were great entertainment for the gathering! (See Gary's pic below)

That final day with the actors we showed 4 (of the 15) episodes and the final message that evening. (It is not technically finished yet) We had a large group though less than we expected because of the rain and perhaps some tension because of where we chose to have the showing. That story is for another time.

Chad was able to return to Ukarumpa as planned on Feb. 6th despite a 10 day closure of Tokua airport. Tavurvur (the active volcano in Rabaul) had starting spewing ash again and the winds were blowing the ash in the airport's direction causing havoc for travelers returning to work and school after the Christmas break was over.

We value your prayers as Chad completes the post recording work of finishing this project, gets final approval on it, and sends us a master copy..

We need prayer along with leaders here as to how to distribute this. There will be options of large showings in Uramät Baining villages, buying dvds, buying audio cds, sd cards and even playing it on radio through Radio East New Britain.

Now we are recovering, some of our equipment is not functioning and some work is not moving forward as well as we would like - that is more the norm!

We continue to value your prayers.

Thankfully,

Peg and Gary

(sound room is the door with the glass in it - 12 3 inch mattresses insulated this small room on the walls and ceiling!)



