

¡Bab-Machi gwaluleged-ibagi wergue! (Merry Christmas in Kuna)

We had the most wonderful time in Panama for the Kuna leadership conference. It's always a thrill to be able to reconnect with our Kuna friends, study God's Word together, sing and hear reports of how God is working in the churches. But the thing that touched our hearts the most was something that they carried back to their villages.

Our Kuna friends received the first copies of the newly translated books of Psalms, Proverbs and Exodus. Let that soak into your mind for a moment...Makes us want to shout each time we think about it!!!

Most of us grew up hearing "the Lord is my Shepherd..." We have had free access to God's whole Word through multiple translations in our language (often sitting in dust on our bookshelves), digital copies if we prefer, and even apps that go wherever we are. Praise God that by 2013 the Kunas will have the whole Bible in their language! Pray for the final steps necessary to get things finished up and off to the printers.

A part of preparing for the Kuna Bible is literacy training. The printed Kuna Bible will be wonderful, but how will it change lives if people cannot read with understanding? Next year we will be working hard to get this important step completed. We invite you to participate by giving to the project. Together our small gifts add up. God has provided 64% of the cost! For information on the project, please go to [usa.ntm.org/projects/kuna-literacy](http://usa.ntm.org/projects/kuna-literacy)

Pastor Edelfonso whose wife died last April, thanks everyone for their prayers. He still is facing the raw pain and loneliness of losing his dear Eneida. His greatest prayer request is for wisdom in raising his children and knowing how to balance ministry with his family's needs.

We also had great times with Anelio & Silverixia and Inakiginapi & Ebertina, two couples who are leading the church in the Kuna village where the believers recently experienced such opposition. Remember the chiefs threatened that they would expel the church and God's Book from their village. God answered prayer and as suddenly as the problem came up, it was dropped! The believers continue to meet together and use the Word. They asked for your prayers that those who don't know Christ and live so controlled by fear of the spirits would come to know the Truth. For pictures these folks and the conference go to: [www.ntm.org/wp/jerry\\_mcdaniels/photos/?album=1&gallery=24](http://www.ntm.org/wp/jerry_mcdaniels/photos/?album=1&gallery=24)

This Christmas we thank God for you! Words can never share how much it means to us that you have stood faithfully with us for another year of ministry. May many more tribal groups come to know His saving Message as we love and serve Him together!

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