



Rigo-Taboro

“This Is Important Work”

Each time mother-tongue speaker Robert walked by the village house where he saw the national Bible translators hovered over their work, he sensed a powerful, positive impression. “*This is important work,*” he said to himself. He didn’t know exactly what God had in mind for his own life, but he turned down invitations to become a deacon or treasurer at his church. “*No,*” he said. “*I’m praying because I think maybe there’s something ahead that God wants me to do. I don’t know what it is yet.*”

Recently, project advisor Kidu talked to Robert about the need for a Scripture-use ministry for the languages in the area. Robert expressed great excitement and told Kidu he’d love to find out more. Soon after that, Robert attended a Scripture-use conference. Kidu believes Robert’s creativity has uniquely fitted him for this job.

- **Please pray with Robert about his involvement in the Lord’s work. Pray for receptivity in the local community to new ideas for implementing the Scriptures.**

Luke Moving Along; Mark Ready for Debut

Translators Gideon and Varina finished preparing the Gospel of Mark for the consultant, who then did his part by checking it. In the final stages of reviewing the book, clarifications included creating a *g* with unique diacritic marks that would help readers differentiate between two distinct pronunciations of *g*. Now Mark is ready to publish!

The translators still need to check their completed draft of Luke’s Gospel as a team and then test it with other local speakers in the community.

Translation Step 6: Proofread

The translation is carefully proofread prior to publication.

Continuing Education for the Translators

For six weeks from mid-April through early June, Kidu took local translators from all of the Rigo Cluster projects, including the Taboro, for a translators’ training course at the SIL center Ukarumpa in Papua New Guinea. Gideon and Varina studied at the third level. Ongoing educational opportunities

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- **Location: Papua New Guinea**
- **Number of Taboro Speakers: 10,000**
- **Project Goal: New Testament**
- **Year Project Began: 2008**
- **Expected Completion Date: 2011**

- **Praise God for what the team has accomplished on Mark and Luke. Ask God to sustain this forward momentum.**
- **Pray that the local community will eagerly receive and readily use the new Scripture materials as they become available in their language.**



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like this keep the translators sharp and help assure the maximal quality and effectiveness of their work.

- **Pray for the Taboro translators' productivity. They're steadily progressing, but not as quickly as they'd like. Pray for clear understanding of the biblical texts and for accurate, clear translation.**
- **Please pray for a reliable four-wheel drive vehicle for Kidu. Many of the projects he works with are a great distance apart, so he spends a lot of time and expends incredible energy traveling from place to place to supervise these projects.**
- **Kidu's father passed away on April 20. Please pray for Kidu's family.**

A Faith for Failures

We have a remarkable faith. It's a faith for failures, inviting those who aren't good enough to be fully accepted. In every other religion, the worshipper must earn favor with his deity. But Jesus clearly invited the broken, the wounded and the defeated, saying, *"Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do. I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners"* (Mark 2:17).

Many Christians in the U.S. don't really accept Christ's gift. They want to earn it, to participate in enough church activities that they think will make God pleased with them. The difference is subtle; the question isn't what we do, but the motivation behind it. Are our good works done to earn His favor or to express joy out of our love-relationship with Him?

- **Pray that as the Taboro people understand more of who Jesus is through the Gospels, they'll embrace His grace and accept His freely offered salvation.**
- **Praise God for drawing you to Him. Enjoy His delight in you for who you are in Christ, not for what you do for Him.**

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