

# Rigo-Taboro



## Kila's Contribution

Kila isn't a translator, but he must have the gift of "helps". During workshops he quietly lends a hand with printing, collating, stapling and distributing handouts. He also helps set up tables. He's been helping out with these kinds of logistics for several years. During the Scripture checking sessions, he sits in back, listening and observing. More recently he has started to make a few comments and suggestions to improve the translation.

But in recent months Kila made another significant contribution: his wife Venari came to a meeting and announced, "This year I'll commit myself to the translation work." Since then, she's been involved in the workshops assisting the Sinaugoro team, another language in the Rigo Cluster.

- **Praise God for the significant contribution that Kila and his wife make to the work.**

## A New Team Member

Last fall Pauline resigned. She'd been the manager of the Rigo Cluster who filled out reports and acted as financial liaison for the project. Her absence deeply impacted the reporting schedule and flow of information for several months.

Now the team is delighted to report that Judy has assumed the managerial position. Judy is very new to the work and to the process of writing team reports.

- **Please pray for Judy. She has a steep learning curve and no background in Bible translation. Pray that the Lord will guide and enable her to handle the tasks for which she's responsible.**

## Acts—Getting the Ball Rolling

The Taboro translators have started drafting Acts. This book, in which Jesus' followers preached on the exalted theme of His suffering and resurrection, contains many different genres: narratives (stories), didactic (teaching) material and even poetic sections.

### Translation Step 1: First Draft

Translating the Scriptures in first draft begins with exegesis, which is the explanation or critical interpretation of a Scripture text essential to creating this draft.



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

- **Pray for the Taboro team as they tackle Acts. Ask God to bless them with unity and tenacity as they work on this long book.**



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### A Good Foundation

*“And now I entrust you to God and the word of his grace—his message that is able to build you up and give you an inheritance with all those he has set apart for himself” (Acts 20:32).*

The Apostle Paul said this to the church in Ephesus as he was preparing to leave them for the last time. He knew he’d never see them again. His farewell speech evoked a deep emotional response from his audience (Acts 20:37-38). But Paul left them on a good foundation. He entrusted them first to God, in whom they lived and who lived in them. And Paul had given them the Lord’s message; he’d firmly established them through teaching from God’s Word. He knew the message would build them in their faith and help them understand their position in Christ and future in heaven.

- **As you continue to pray for the Taboro people, ask the Lord to establish them in His Word.**
- **Pray that the believers will realize and live according to God’s grace, not a set of religious rules. Ask the Lord to remind them of His incredible love for them and of the unchanging hope of His future plans for His people.**
- **May you be encouraged in the same hope as you interact with God’s Word today.**

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