

**Miracles that follow the plow :: A Sweet Celebration of Reading (PNG)**

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As the excitement grows about progress on the Enga New Testament (PNG), the local churches are taking the initiative to hold literacy classes to teach people to read in their own language. In this way the people are prepared to read the Scripture portions as each book is translated into Enga.

Volunteer literacy teachers from the church write letters and words on the chalkboard, and murmurings can be heard around the room as people bravely repeat the sound for each syllable and form them into words. Slowly the words are mastered and put together to make sentences. Smiles light their faces as they become fluent enough to read short stories and then longer passages from the Bible.

During a recent graduation ceremony, more than 40 individuals, representing three churches, gathered to celebrate the completion of the literacy course. Many of the graduates were middle-aged or older and had not had the opportunity to learn to read when they were children. Being able to articulate the words on the printed page for the first time in their lives was certainly a reason for celebration!

Translator Adam Boyd stood before the group and read aloud Psalm 119:103, which in Enga reads, "The sweetness that happens when I read your word surpasses the sweetness that happens when I taste honey." Next, each graduate came forward to taste a spoonful of honey. They smiled at the delicious taste, and rejoiced to know God's Word is even sweeter than this!

As they left the ceremony, each graduate held a brand new copy of the Gospel of Matthew printed in the Enga language. With no mother tongue libraries and very limited access to Enga books, this Gospel will be a treasure to each of them and a means for all of the graduates to continue improving their reading skills.

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**Re: A Sweet Celebration of Reading (PNG) - posted by rufnrust (), on: 2019/8/13 16:17**

This is the most wonderful news I have read recently!!

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