

Meet Your Missionary

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Serving with New Tribes Mission in Siawi, Papua New Guinea



BIRTH PLACE: Washington, Missouri

BIRTHDAY: February 24, 1945

HOBBIES/INTERESTS: Reading, Game playing

CHILDREN: David Krieg, living in Wisconsin. Christine Sharp, serving with her husband at the NTM Missionary Training Center at Roach, MO.

FAVORITE VERSE: 2 Corinthians 4:7-10 "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the surpassing greatness of the power may be of God and not from ourselves; we are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body."

SALVATION AGE: 13

EDUCATION: New Tribes Missions Institute, 1983-1984; New Tribes

Language School, 1985-1986

TESTIMONY

While my parents weren't Christians, I had an aunt who loved the Lord and encouraged my parents to allow me to go to Sunday School. Through the ministry of that little Baptist Church, I was saved and given an understanding of the needs on the mission field.

After high school, I married a Christian man, and we served through our church. Later, we began attending Hope Bible Church and were introduced to the concept of Faith Promise missionary giving. My burden for missions grew, and when the Lord took my husband home to Glory, January 2, 1982, I knew what the Lord would have me do with the rest of my life.

After going through NTM's training, I came to the field of PNG in August, 1986; helping open the Siawi tribal work the end of that year. Serving as the linguist on the team, we learned the language and culture, developed an orthography, wrote up literacy primers, and I began translating the Bible into the Siawi language, as part of the church planting effort.

From 1987 through 1992, that was my primary focus. Then I was asked to take training to become an NTM translation consultant, and be available, from time to time, to help other translators, as well as continue on with the Siawi translation.

Co-workers came and went in Siawi, so that progress was hard. There were years at a time, when I found myself without coworkers, but the work slowly progressed. Added to my translation consultant responsibilities was the linguistic consultant job. And, in 2001 or so, I began training, too, to be a translation consultant trainer.

In 2006, when I was again without coworkers in Siawi, and the translation consulting needs on the PNG field were impossible to meet, as a part-time consultant, I moved out of Siawi and went full time, with the consulting ministry. It was hoped that the two families on medical furloughs would return to Siawi and that they would be able to finish the translation.

Instead, one family left the field, and the other was struggling-and the Lord laid it on my heart to move back to Siawi. Since he also impressed that on the hearts of those in Sepik leadership, I moved back into Siawi, in April, 2009. The plan is for me to stay here and finish the Siawi New Testament, however long that takes. The one family that was still in Siawi have since left, so I am continuing on without missionary coworkers here in the tribe, though all my NTM brothers and sisters in the Sepik provide encouragement and physical help as needed.

This is so obviously the Lord's time and plan for the Siawi believers to have his Word in their own heart language, so we are all encouraged and looking forward to the day the Siawi New Testament is completed and printed. God has done the impossible, in getting me thus far, and I know he will take me the rest of the way.

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