

Dear Friends,

The month for typesetting the Minimimp New Testament has arrived. For the next few weeks we will be working with typesetter Emma Bibilo. She is from one of the many islands of Papua New Guinea and came to work at Ukarumpa over twenty years ago.

What does the typesetting process involve? First we need to give Emma the New Testament text along with a list of the pictures and picture captions. There will be twelve color pictures and about 100 black and white. The people like pictures that don't "cut people's legs or arms off" at the edge or bottom of the picture, and that tell a story. Maila chose the pictures for the Kobon New Testament with that in mind, and we will use the same pictures for the Minimimp New Testament. We will also use the same maps, but with location names in Minimimp.

Emma will typeset the first book, formatting the text into double columns and putting the pictures and captions in. Then she will print it out just as it will look in the New Testament. This is an exciting moment and we will take a very careful look at it to make sure all the alphabetic characters are printed as they should be, especially the special characters which are unique to Minimimp. And we will make sure the pictures, chapter headings, section headings, cross references, and footnotes are all as they should be.

Emma will continue to progressively print out all the books of the New Testament, giving us a book at a time to read and make any necessary corrections. At the back will be a topical index showing where we can learn, for example, about God the Holy Spirit, how to pray, what the Scriptures say about marriage, and so on.

Please pray for Emma, Lindon and us also during the typesetting process. Pray that we will all keep in good health, and that the whole process will go smoothly and well. And that the finished product will bring honor and glory to our Lord, and speak to the hearts of the Minimimp people.

In His Love and Grace,

Pastor John and Maila

