



Hello Friends,

This month Project 24/7 workshops officially kicked off, and Matthew enjoyed spending full days with the team learning and growing together. We're beginning a three-and-a-half-year journey (alongside six other language groups) to translate 24 Bible stories into the Murkim language.

Imagine going from working only with your hands, gardening, fishing, hunting, and building, to suddenly learning something as abstract as using a computer. The first two weeks were focused on training for the MTIs (Mother Tongue Translators). They began learning basic computer skills and typing skills, along with how to use the programs needed for translation work. While a few of the men have had some exposure to smartphones in recent years, for others, especially some of the older guys, this is their first time really interacting with technology. It's a big and challenging step, but they are working hard and making progress.

The last week of the workshop, we spent significant time in God's Word, walking through the big picture of His story of salvation. All of the teaching was done in Indonesian, which most of the translators understand to some degree. Although Christianity was introduced to the Murkim years ago, this was the first time most of the translators had heard these foundational Bible stories. It created an opportunity for great conversations with our team, and we can hardly wait for the day they hear them clearly in their own heart language.

Every language has grammar, but native speakers don't always think about the "rules" behind how their language works. We also began working through the structure of the Murkim language itself. Together, we're learning to understand those patterns more clearly so we can translate these Bible stories accurately and naturally.

We are so thankful for the relationships God is building with our team. One of the men said, "We're the dads and he's the kid when it comes to Murkim language and culture, and we're the kids and he's the dad when it comes to the Bible and the computer." It was a beautiful picture of the mutual learning and respect that is growing among us.

Please pray for God's continued work in their hearts, and that they would grow in their understanding of the gospel and His Word. Please also pray for us this month as we make a short trip to the village and continue preparing for our upcoming furlough in June.

Love in Christ,

Matthew, Sarah, Azariah, & Malachi

Prayer Requests & Needs

- Wisdom to lead the translation team well.
- The translators to come to know Jesus.
- Village trip and furlough plans



Project24/7 Kickoff



Learning computer skills



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