

Hey All,

It's Heather's turn to head into the bush for a few days! She will be going into Wabuku with Lisa to help clean up her house. Who is Lisa? Lisa has been a missionary to the Wabuku people since the early 2000s. She has recently returned from a 2 year furlough and is ready to get back in and continue helping the Cizdziel family with the work. A house sitting unused in the bush for a couple years can be a potential hazmat site! Lisa and Heather will spend the weekend cleaning, scrubbing, organizing, and scrubbing some more. Two other co-workers are going with them to do general maintenance on Lisa's house to get her solar and water systems up and running again. We appreciate your prayers for their trip in. We also ask for prayer for Felicity as she will be responsible for making dinner for the family while Heather is away!

Only Jesus,

Brandon, Heather

brendan, griffin, charlotte-amelie, & felicity

This is a recent FaceBook post from Jason Cizdziel about how the work is progressing in Wabuku

Guys, I've been half-sitting on this for a while because I didn't want to count chickens, but:

A church has been born in Wabuku.

Wait, didn't Wabuku hear teaching from different missionaries once upon a time? Yes they did. But when our family got to Wabuku, it had been many years since, and the teaching they heard had dissolved back into their old animism with some Christian-y language on top. God had become another angry spirit that struck coconut trees with lightning when he was disobeyed.

In November 2017, we had some New Tribes consultants fly in to verify our suspicions. Their conclusion told us what we already knew: There was no one left in Wabuku who understood the gospel.

After years of preparation, language study, culture study, and enduring trials of various kinds, I can with now with confidence announce that there is new life in Wabuku. People are understanding and believing Yawe's stories. They understand who Jesus is, what He did for us, and why it was necessary.

But wait, didn't you just now get to the New Testament? Yes we did. But as the Jesus Storybook Bible says, "Every story whispers His name." We've been pointing to Jesus from the beginning. Jesus is the Man Yawe marked in Eden to defeat the snake, to carry the punishment of our disloyalty to Yawe, and Jesus took our place on the cross like the sheep took Isaac's place on the sacrificial altar. Those who believe Yawe's talk get a new heart and are rescued from Satan's clan.

Yawe's salvation has come to Wabuku.

Our work is nowhere near finished. We haven't finished the story for starters. And what will prevent Wabuku from forgetting everything again, from falling back into slavery to their animism which forces them to seek revenge for wrongs, to consult mediums for answers to sickness and death, to fight, steal, and lie in order to protect their clan?

Only Yawe can do that. And for now, we're His servants tasked to continue teaching and discipling new believers in Wabuku.

Celebrate with us. Believers, you have new brothers and sisters in Wabuku. Many of them.