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# Janet's Journal

## Animals in Culture

Animals are more than just pets in many cultures. In Papua New Guinea many aspects of culture relate to the pig. The pig is the representation of true wealth. Prestige is related to the number of pigs a man has. The pig is regarded as a member of the family and is shown affection and care and is given a name to which it responds. It is believed the pig has a spirit.

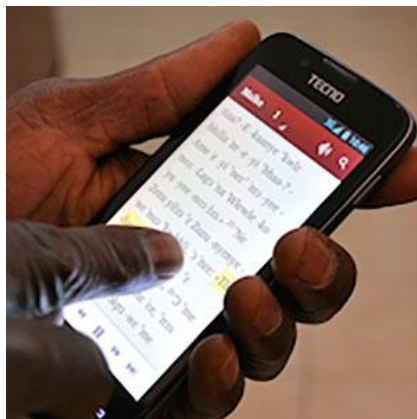
In Aboriginal cultures the dog has a prominent place. It is their protector from evil spirits, and is actually given a place in the kinship system. A translator thought she would test this aspect one day by asking a man if a certain dog was his "uncle." The man quickly replied that it was definitely not his uncle---but it was his "cousin!"

## People Engagement

We've had several people inquiring about attending our in-person Explore events we're planning to hold in June. However, holding them will depend on how things go with vaccines and Covid. Some of our staff are uncomfortable traveling and participating before getting vaccinated, and I can certainly understand their concern. Fortunately, my job for all except the Lancaster event only involves registrations, staffing and logistics, but I don't have to be there in person. However, the Lancaster event is local, so I do have to be present to help run that one. Please **pray** all our staff can be vaccinated by June, and maybe even all our participants.

We're planning to participate in some virtual college job fairs the next couple months, so please **pray** for our on-line presentations and one-on-one interviews with students that there will be a lot of interest in further dialogue with recruiters about joining.

I'm still working with the Scripture App Builder, and with almost 2,000 languages left to translate and record, I'm sure I won't run out of this work for quite a while!



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## Personal News

Some good news! I got my first dose of the Moderna Covid vaccine. I'll get the second dose in mid-March and am grateful to God that I was able to get it. At my age (I just had a birthday this month), I'm in the more vulnerable age range. Knowing I've had the vaccine is very comforting to me. I know it's not foolproof, just like a flu vaccine, but it is a layer of protection that so far has proved to be very effective.

Some other good news is that my eye pressure has been in the safe range, so I was able to get my three-month injection earlier this month. The pictures also showed that the swelling in the eye was not as bad as it has been in the past at the three-month mark. So I'm trusting God is healing it, and that sometime in the near future I'll be able to quit getting the shots. I'd appreciate your **prayers** to that end.



*I'm getting so old, my friends in Heaven will think I didn't make it!*



I think we've had more snow in the last month than in the last few years combined. It just keeps coming! Fortunately, I've only had to cancel one doctor appointment due to snow and was able to reschedule for the next week. Working at home means I'm unable to enjoy snow days, but it also means I don't have to drive in bad weather very often.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support. They're very much appreciated.

In Christ's service,

*Janet*

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### ***Praise for:***

*My getting the first vaccine dose  
My eye pressure staying low  
Safety on snowy roads*

### ***Pray for:***

*Interest from students at job fairs  
All staff to get their Covid vaccines  
Our in-person events to be held*