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Missing our skipper

On Saturday, one of our best friends in Arop village, Linus Wairapu, died from the Tuberculosis he had fought for a decade.

During our years on the beach before the tsunami, we trusted him with our lives as our boat skipper. He was also our carpenter and helper in many practical ways. Linus often explained Arop culture to us when we were clueless. After the tsunami he became a Bible translator. A year ago this month he said to me, "I am going to stay with this work *until I die*."

He kept that promise.

For more on how we worked, prayed, joked, and translated together, see this page: <http://www.thenystroms.org/2012/02/20/farewell-to-the-skipper>. Some of the photos go way back.

Please pray for Linus's family as they grieve for him. Pray for the remaining members of the Arop translation team, that the Lord would give us strength and years to finish what we started.

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Coming soon, Lord willing:

March 1-6: At missions conference at First Baptist Church of Indian Rocks, Largo Florida.

March 7-14: Still in Florida, **looking for a place to live in the Seminole/Largo area beginning July or August.** During the next school year, we plan to travel up to three out of every four weeks, but hope to find an inexpensive place to call "home." Suggestions are welcome.

Let us know if you have a car we can borrow for all or part of our time in FL in March.

Our web site: www.thenystroms.org

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