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Highlights from the past couple of months include time on the road visiting many of our supporters in the Far North and Bay of Plenty regions. Although we were originally scheduled to speak at three churches, Auckland's lockdown meant we could only visit two of them. We chose not to stop at all as we drove through Auckland, which made visiting elder care facilities much easier in other regions. As always, there wasn't enough time to visit everyone – but we appreciated the opportunities to catch up with those whom we saw.

We included some annual leave days and enjoyed time staying at Doubtless Bay. Thanks to everyone who hosted us and made this trip possible. Some of our family were able to join us, and it was great to see the next generation being introduced to the wonderful sculpting properties of the white sand on the Karikari Peninsula (pictured behind this month's Header).

Local Musoma staff returned to the office early in October. The Community Engagement Department has been busy, after the past months of no travel. Paper copies of Kabwa and Ikoma New Testaments have been taken to their respective villages for reading aloud. This is a great tool for exposing any remaining errors, which can then be corrected before the books enter the typesetting queue.

Jillian's first typesetting project, the book of Matthew in Jita, is in the final formatting checks before going to a local printshop. She is now working on the book of Acts for a language in Uganda.

Kevin still communicates several times each week with the Operations Team in Musoma. Although our departure was unplanned, it has been really encouraging to see how God has used this time to develop a stronger local administration. This has long

*Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty.*

*This I declare about the Lord: He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; He is my God, and I will trust Him.*

*If you make the Lord your refuge, if you make the most High your shelter, no evil will conquer you; no plague will come near your home. For He will order His angels to protect you wherever you go.*

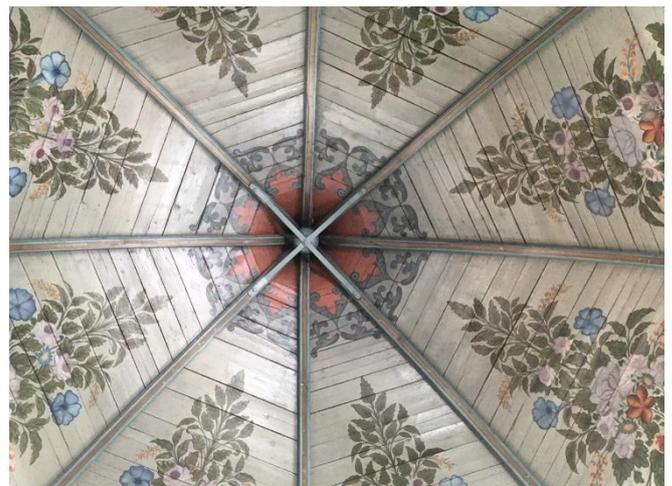
**Psalm 91:1-2, 9-10**

been SIL's aim, but change is always challenging. When/if we return, his role will be to target those areas still needing growth, while taking a "hands-off" approach to those areas that are running smoothly!

The end of the Financial Year in September (based on the US system) is always a busy time for Kevin, as he has responsibility to make sure everyone has completed and filed all the necessary paperwork on time. Communicating across time zones and language barriers, especially when the office was only partially open, made this year especially challenging!

Please pray for wisdom and clear direction from God as we consider the possibility of returning to Musoma. It does appear that COVID19 has not affected the nations around Tanzania as

much as many other parts of the world. Several of our European colleagues are planning to return in November, but the journey is more complex from NZ.



Typesetting training wasn't all work. The Prayer Room ceiling at the Palace of Emperor Menelik II was a beautiful reminder of the importance of connecting regularly with God in prayer.



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