

“But today we know God wasn’t sparing Sivini for the sake of more dying ... He was sparing **Sivini** for a whole new life—life, and more abundantly—an extraordinary new assignment—that would bring the life-giving **Word of God** to the Usarufa people and beyond,

IT HAPPENED LIKE THIS.

“The people of Moife grow wheat; for decades they have threshed their wheat by hand. A threshing machine would speed things up. So **Sivini** traveled from Moife to the city of Ukarumpa to arrange transport of the new contraption. But Ukarumpa is also a major Bible translation hub—with 275 translators working out of this center to meet needs throughout the country ... one of the biggest operations of its kind in the world. By God’s perfect timing, a Translators’ Training Course (TTC) was under way that same day. With such urgent demand among the people of PNG for the Scriptures in their many languages, every course is filled to capacity. But at the last minute, one man learned he would be unable to attend; someone would have to go in his place. A friend of **Sivini’s** knew he was in town—grabbed him—told him he could get in—it would be interesting, he promised—and a **blood**-thirsty tribal leader found himself learning how to translate the Bible into Usarufa! Then, as the group made their way through the tragedy of Cain murdering Abel, translating **Genesis 4,**

[“**Abel was a keeper of sheep,** but Cain was a tiller of the ground. And in [the] process of time, it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD. And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: [Abel offered the innocent life and **blood** of the lamb.] But unto Cain and to his offering he had no ^(t) respect.

[Cain offered a **bloodless** sacrifice without a death.] And Cain was very angry ^(wroth), and his countenance fell. And the LORD said unto Cain, Why are ^(t) you ^(thou) angry ^(wroth)? and why is your ^(thy) countenance fallen? If you ^(thou) do ^(est) well, will ^(shalt) you ^(thou) not be accepted? and if you ^(thou) do ^(est) not well, sin lies ^(th) at the door. And unto you ^(thee) shall be his desire, and you ^(thou) will ^(shalt) rule over him. And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and killed ^(slew) him. And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel your ^(thy) brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper? And he said, What have ^(st) you ^(thou) done? the voice of your ^(thy) brother's **blood** cries ^(th) unto me from the ground. And now are ^(t) you ^(thou) cursed from the earth, which has ^(th) opened her mouth to receive your ^(thy) brother's **blood** from your ^(thy) hand.” (Gen 4:2–11)]



“Sivini was stunned. ‘Abel’s blood calling out to God from the ground,’ he remembers—‘the words pierced my heart.’ He could almost hear the **blood** of his many victims calling out to God from the earth where he had so brutally slain them. In that defining moment, **Sivini** began to feel something he had never felt before: the possibility of cleansing.”

“The very next Sunday, he walked to the front of the local Christian church to publicly repent of his past. He asked for prayer—

He surrendered his life to Jesus Christ— and **in that moment,** the **God of forgiveness** and peace **lifted Sivini’s burden of guilt.**

“Everything about Sivini is different now. Hatred has turned to love, by the miraculous power of God’s Word! ‘Even my looks have changed since *I accepted Jesus,* **Sivini** says joyfully, ‘because now I no longer carry the weight of the guilt of my past. *Who but Jesus could do such a wonderful thing?’*

“Today Sivini is committed to the Usarufa Bible translation, ‘turning God’s talk into the Usarufa language so that my people can know the Lord. I want them to find peace, freedom, and forgiveness of sin, just like I have.’”

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“But God commends ^(eth) his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his **blood,** we shall be saved from wrath through him.” (Rom 5:8–9)

“Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God has ^(th) set forth to be a propitiation through **faith** in his **blood** to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God—the justifier of him which **believes ^(th)** in Jesus.” (Rom 3:24–26)

“Looking unto Jesus the



author and finisher of our **faith,** who for the joy that was set before him endured the **CROSS,** despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.” (Heb 12:2)

Apostle Paul,
a Jewish Pharisee,
was also a Murderer Forgiven
and Cleansed from Sin.

His Testimony. (Acts 22:3–16)

“I am verily a man—a Jew, born in Tarsus—in Cilicia, yet brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, and taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers, and was zealous toward God, as ye all are this day.

“Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinks ^(eth) that he has ^(th) whereof [that]

he might trust in the flesh, I more: Circumcised the eighth day of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a **Pharisee**. Concerning zeal, **persecuting the church**; touching the righteousness, which is in the law, blameless.” (Phil 3:4–5)

“**And I persecuted** this way [Christians, followers of Jesus Christ] unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both **men** and **women**. As also the high priest does ^(th) bear me witness, and all the estate of the elders: from whom also I received letters unto the brethren, and went to Damascus, to bring them which were there bound unto Jerusalem, for to be punished.

“**But what things were gain** to me, those I counted loss for Christ—I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but **dung**, that I may win Christ, And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the **faith** of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by **faith**.” (Phil 3:7–9)

“**And it came to pass**, that, as I made my journey, and was come near ^(nigh) unto Damascus about noon, suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me. And I fell to ^(unto) the ground, and heard a voice saying to ^(unto) me, Saul, Saul, why persecutes ^(st) you ^(thou) me? And I answered, Who are ^(t) you ^(thou), Lord? And he said unto me, I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you ^(thou) persecute ^(st). And they that were with me saw indeed the light and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that talked ^(spake) to me. **And I said, What shall I do, Lord?** And the Lord said unto me, Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be told you ^(thee) of all things which are appointed for you ^(thee) to do—And one Ananias—And he said, The God of our fathers has ^(th) chosen you ^(thee), that you ^(thou) should ^(est) know his will, and see that Just One, and should ^(est) hear the voice of his mouth. For you ^(thou) will ^(shalt) be his witness unto all men of what you ^(thou) have ^(st) seen and heard. And now why do you stay ^{(tarriest thou)?} Arise, and be baptized, and **wash away your** ^(thv) sins, ***calling on the name of the Lord.**” (Acts 22:3–16)

Apostle Paul: “Brethren, my heart's desire, and

prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.

“For they being **ignorant** of God's righteousness, and **going about** to establish their own righteousness, have **not submitted** themselves unto the righteousness of God. For **Christ** is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that **believes** ^(th).

“**For Moses describes** ^(th) the righteousness, which is of the law, That the man which does ^(th) those things shall live by them. But **the righteousness**, which is of **faith** speaks ^(eth) on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (That is, to bring Christ down from above:) Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (That is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.) But what saith it? The **word** is near ^(nigh) you ^(thee), even ***in your** ^(thy) mouth, and ***in your** ^(thy) heart: that is, **the word of faith**, which we **preach**; That if you ^(thou) shalt confess ***with your** ^(thy) mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt **believe** ***in your** ^(thine) heart that **God has** ^(th) **raised him from the dead**, you ^(thou) will ^(shalt) be saved. For ***with the heart** man **believes** ^(th) unto righteousness; and ***with the mouth** confession is made unto **salvation**. For the scripture has said ^(saith), Whosoever **believes** ^(th) on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that **call** upon him. For whosoever shall **call** upon the name of the Lord shall be **saved**.

***“How then shall they call** on him in whom they have not **believed?** And ***how shall they believe** in him of whom they have not heard? And ***how shall they hear** without a preacher? And ***how shall they preach;** except they be sent? As it is written, ***How** beautiful are the feet of them that **preach the gospel** of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!” (Rom 10:1–15)

“And when he (Jesus) **saw their faith**, he said unto him, Man, your ^(thy) sins are forgiven you ^(thee).” (Luke 5:20) KJV Modified

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SIVINI

was in charge of **revenge** but

God was in charge of **forgiveness**.

“**Dear Friend ... How long since you last met a killer? Give me three minutes and I'll introduce you.**”

“**His name is Sivini, and for years, hatred** was his business. Hatred is a commodity among the tribes of Papua New Guinea (PNG). One tribe attacks another; people die. Then the other tribe seeks revenge.

“**Sivini was in charge of revenge.**

Among the Usarufa people, in the eastern highlands of PNG, he was the legendary fight commander from the village of Moife.

“**Time and time again, he led his team** into neighboring areas to carry out revenge killings.

“**You've probably never met a man** with so much **blood** on his hands.

“**Somehow, in his many years of fighting,** he escaped the slightest injury. His people, young and old, revered him for his almost magical longevity.”

Picture not the real **SIVINI**

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