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Pray for Papua New Guinea

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Our shared vision for Papua New Guinea

Twenty pastors and missionaries met on two occasions to prayerfully consider a unified vision for PNG.

- Everyone, everywhere, all across PNG may hear a clear presentation of the Gospel, turn from nominal Christianity or other religious practices, and trust Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.
- Our churches will have a greater burden for souls. Our commitment to the Great Commission will be evident in our witness in the communities around us and in sending labourers beyond our borders.
- Our churches will be healthy, doing all things decently and in order. Prayer will be a priority. Our preaching will rightly divide the word of truth. We will disciple believers and train the next generation of labourers for the harvest.

PRAY WITH US IN BULOLO AND WHEN WE RETURN HOME

Hearts ready to obey

Pray for revival in the morning services and a lasting sensitivity to God's Word. Pray that we will put the things of God first again and obey what He shows us.

Psalm 85:6 • James 1:22

Bold witnesses and faithful men

Pray for courage to speak to our families and neighbours about Jesus Christ, to disciple new believers and to train faithful men. Pray for churches to be planted so the Gospel reaches every part of PNG.

Matthew 28:19–20 • 2 Timothy 2:2

The evening Gospel services

Pray that the Holy Spirit will use the preaching of God's Word to challenge believers to follow His call. Pray that many guests who have yet to trust Christ will come to know Him as their personal Saviour.

Romans 10:13–17 • Isaiah 6:8

A Bible in every home

Pray for a deep desire to place God's Word in every home and for the provision to do so. Pray that God will use the 5,000 Bibles already procured through the 1040 Bible Project to bring light to families across PNG.

Psalm 119:130

"When my own journey is finished, who will be better prepared to carry the gospel because they walked with me?"

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Across Papua New Guinea



10,185,363

people • 2024 PNG census

Highlands	**35.7%**
Momase	**27.0%**
Southern	**22.8%**
Islands	**14.5%**

The languages we use

Tok Pisin (Pidgin), English and Hiri Motu each have a complete Bible. Tok Pisin connects communities, and English is widely used in education and government. The 2011 census reported 48.9% literacy in English. Current national speaking rates may differ.

Scripture in our local languages

PNG has over 800 local languages. The ten largest in Joshua Project's estimates account for about 18% of the population. Of these ten, three (30%) have a complete Bible: Huli, Kuanua and Kamano. Seven (70%) have the New Testament only: Enga, Kuman, Golin, Sinasina, Melpa, Benabena and Hamtai.

Those who carried the Gospel before us

In 1873, four teachers from Rarotonga moved to Port Moresby. William George Lawes later helped give Motu readers the New Testament in their own language. James Chalmers, known as Tamate, worked with Pacific Island teachers along the Papuan coast. In 1901, Chalmers, Oliver Tomkins and their companions were killed on Goaribari Island.

Standing firm in Christ

Over 90% of Papua New Guineans identify as Christian. Spiritism and witchcraft remain widespread, and fear of sorcery weighs on many families. Pray that those who know Christianity only by name will hear the Gospel clearly and trust Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.

Reaching isolated communities

About four in five Papua New Guineans live in rural areas. For some families, reaching a clinic or school means a long walk, a boat trip or a flight. Pastors face those same journeys to visit churches, disciple believers and carry Bibles into villages. Pray for those who make the journey and those waiting for them.

Sources: PNG National Statistical Office (2011, 2024) • Joshua Project • PNG DFA • ANU • PNGAA • London Missionary Society Register • World Bank • WHO • Natural Earth. Estimates reflect the dates of their sources.