# The Luses in 2019

In 12 Snapshots







January

Started the year in Patpatar after training new literacy teachers. Moved to Hoskins Center for the Islands serving the field as the Church Development Director. Helped our center team with support roles on the side.

Tore down a condemned duplex on center. Did an orientation check for a new missionary family doing village time in the Ata Tribe. Did a "Church Planting Visit" and helped a returning family on house projects in

the Mengen Tribe.

Made a Patpatar visit to participate in the literacy graduation of the "outreach village". Took part/spoke in the annual Eastern and Western Area conferences for the missionaries there.

Did a "Church Planting visit" in the Kol Tribe and helped the missionaries with their solar. Visited the Patpatar and helped teach the new group gathered to hear God's Word.

## May

Moved to the headquarters in the highlands of PNG and were a family of 6 again with Avalon and Sierra. Did a language evaluation and Bible lesson check in the Kaje Tribe (They presented the Gospel at the end of 2019 and a church was born!). Avalon graduated from NCA (Numonohi Christian Academy). Last Family/Senior Trip to Malaysia.



#### June

Moved to Madang on the North Coast of PNG to be on staff for Interface: a 6-week college level program to learn about and experience missions to the unreached people groups of the world. The evangelistic Bible teaching in the Patpatar outreach village finished and another small church was born! Led an Interface sidetrip to Patpatar.



## July

Went to the Konomala Tribe to get two new missionary families started in that culture and language. Lori and Avalon left for the States. Aaron and the other 3 girls went to the Anem Tribe to help finish house projects and get a family, who are working with the Mouk, started on learning that language and culture.





## August

Moved to Sobega, the Center for the Central Area of PNG. Sierra, Kylee, and Briella started school at NCA. Avalon started Bible School in Waukesha, WI. Lori returned to PNG. Got to do a quick visit to the Kuman and Wahgi Tribes in the highlands.

## September

Went in to do a Bible Lesson Check for the two missionary families in the Amdu Tribe (They will begin Bible teaching to the village in April of 2020!). Celebrated with Papua New Guinea as she turned 44 as a nation on September 16th.





#### October

After moving house 7 times in the year all over the country, we remained at Sobega, attended the Central Conference, and began to feel settled a little bit and became pet owners. Did a language evaluation for a missionary family in Iski. (The other 2 families on the team along with the church did a major outreach and another church was born in Dec of 2019!) Checked on the new church in Patpatar.

#### November

Went to Madang for Field Leadership Team meetings and met the new class of missionary families going through orientation in order to allocate to tribes waiting for missionaries. Became class advisors for Kylee's 7<sup>th</sup> grade class and led them on an outing. Sierra took Ben and joined friends at her 11<sup>th</sup> grade "Western" Sadie Hawkins.





#### December

Did a Mature Church evaluation in the Iski Tribe. Met up with a team of 2 missionaries and 6 PNG men from 5 tribes who were using the trade language to check up on a struggling church in another tribe. Made a quick visit to Patpatar to help encourage the church in Bom going through some struggles. Finished the year celebrating Christmas with MAF (Missionary Aviation Fellowship) families.

2019 was a year of moves. We are still greatly involved with the Patpatar ministry, and as the Lord allows the church to move forward without us being on the ground, we are able to fill other vital roles on the field. As Church Development Director for NTM-PNG, we now have the opportunity to work with missionary teams in 44 tribes. Thank you for continuing to be a part of our sending team and supporting us through encouragement, prayer, and finances. Thank you for being a part of seeing a "thriving church for every people" here in