

THE LUSE FAMILY - 2023

SERVING IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA – Aaron, Lori, Kylee, and Briella

Ben and Sierra were married in Wales, July 2023



190 years before Cyrus defeated Babylon and allowed the Israelites to return to Palestine, God had prophesied through Isaiah the name of the ruler that would come and the events that would happen so that **all the world from east to west would know there is no other God.**

“I am the LORD; there is no other God. I have equipped you for battle, though you don’t even know me, so all the world from east to west will know there is no other God. I am the LORD and there is not other. – Isaiah 45:5-6

God continues to use people to make His name know in all corners of the world from east to west, and we get to be a part!

FROM EAST TO WEST

Our family is in 3 continents with Avalon in her last year of mission’s training in the USA, Ben and Sierra in medical school in England, and the rest of us in PNG. The time zones and schedules from east to west have made regular contact challenging but we are overjoyed to see our children walking in the truth. While in PNG this year, some of the highlights have been surveys to new remote people groups near the western boarder, first time baptisms in people groups in the central part of PNG, and workshops and conferences where churches from multiple people groups gather in the islands on the eastern side of the country. In Patpatar, the church leaders have traveled from the north tip to the south part of the island to assist churches in other language groups and recently hosted a conference for all the local churches.

FAMILY



The 1st half of the year our home included boarding student, “daughter Naya.” The 2nd half of 2023 was just the four of us with Kylee (11th) and Briella (5th).

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The churches on the coast and in the mountain, along with the 3rd group in the next dialect, continue to grow slowly and assist other churches. They’ve had to work through issues of jealousy, fights, & laziness along the way.

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As Managing Director, it has been a privilege to be a part of many facets and works from land signing in new people groups where new missionaries are headed to Bible dedications in languages where the missionaries have finished.

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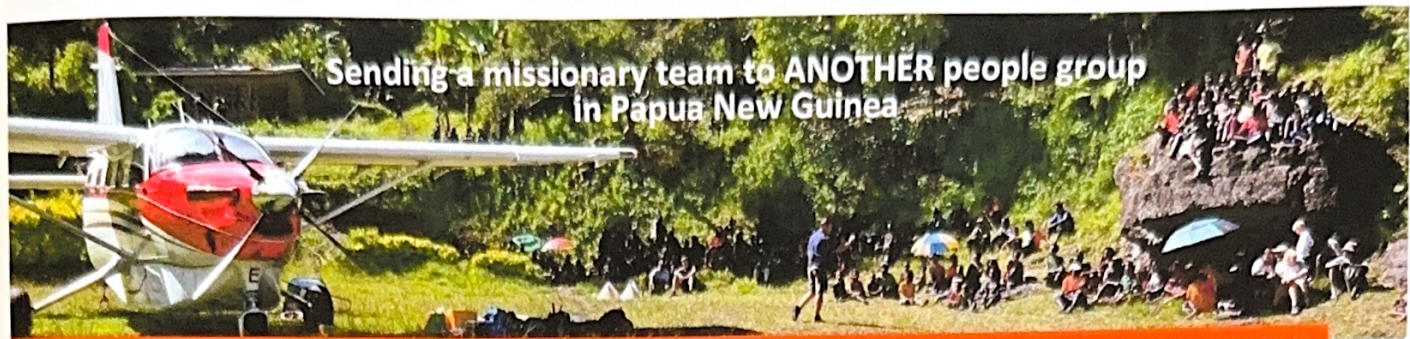
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Sending a missionary team to ANOTHER people group in Papua New Guinea

Aaron explaining to the Uruwa people who asked for missionaries that we would learn their language, literacy, translate & teach the Bible

HIGHLIGHTS

- Meeting the Prime Minister of PNG.
- Being back in the Patpatar with our coworker.
- Aaron completing his Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies.
- Tales from the Tribe published in German.
- Ben and Sierra's wedding!
- Family trip to Wales, England, & Paris.
- Seeing Avalon this summer.
- Meeting John Maxwell in PNG.
- New Britian national church evaluation.
- Central and Eastern area conferences.
- More baptisms in Patpatar.
- FOBAI (translation) forum for PNG.
- Grandpa Luse's life celebration.
- Kylee in rugby and Briella in drama.
- 25th anniversary weekend away (1 yr late).
- Trips to the Konomala and Uruwa tribes.



"POTLUCK" in Patpatar
Our coworker, Madonna, with her niece came for a visit from Australia

A PLEA FOR HELP

With over 800 language groups, the work here in PNG can feel overwhelming. I (Aaron) am often torn between my responsibilities for the churches we planted and the people groups who still wait for the gospel. Here is a recent request from one of the Patpatar pastors, "Brother, I want to ask you to pray for the churches of the tribes of New Ireland. I say "thank you" to God that He sent you missionaries and we have received the Good News. However, there are still needs here and we don't feel strong – we are tired. You helped us in Patpatar with a good foundation to stand on and now you are doing other work to help other people groups in PNG, but we are not fully mature yet. If God would send other missionaries or raise up PNG men to hold the work with us, it would be good. Thank you brother, that is my request."



PATPATAR coastal village

Request Prayer

- That strong shepherds and leaders would be raised up among the Patpatar church.
- For the allocation of missionaries into 5 new people groups.
- For our family in faithfulness and stewardship of responsibilities.
- Open doors for churches during persecution and roadblocks.
- To know His great love.

Boated in and the flew out after time with the church in Patpatar

We are constantly reminded that are sufficiency for this work comes from Christ alone. Our strength often fails and we battle to balance the ministry load that we are privileged to carry. At the same time we are continually aware that God is using you as partners in ministry to pray for us spiritually, provided for us financially, and support us afar socially. We thank God for your part and don't express often enough our "thanks" to you.

Aaron, Lori, Kylee, Briella

2 Thessalonians 3:1