



## Answered Prayer - One Step Closer!

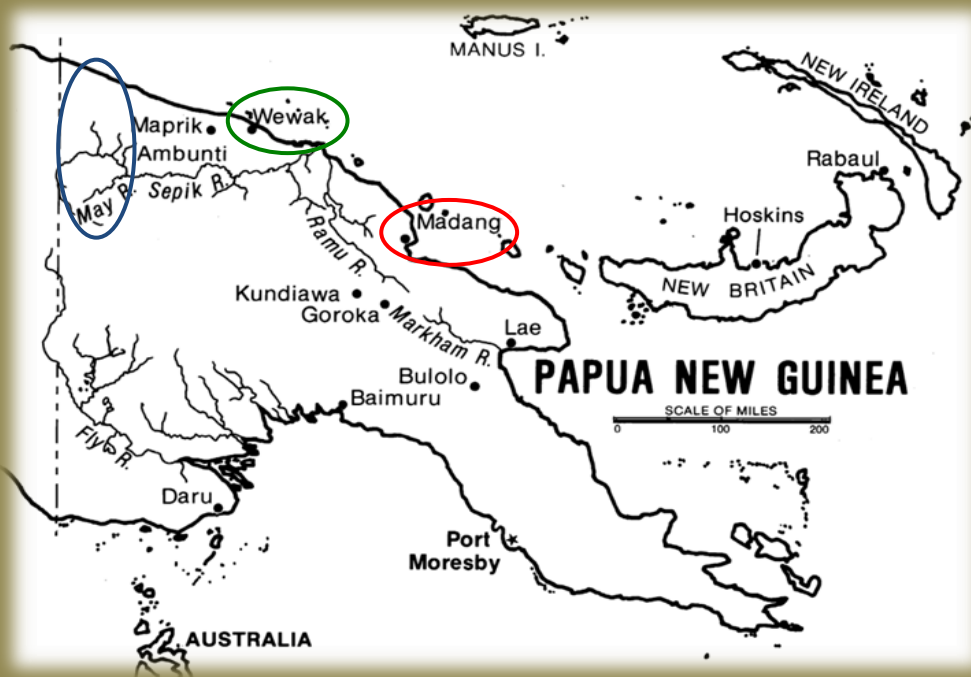
### Green Light


In our last update, we asked you to pray that the Lord would open the door into a particular tribal group in which our team would like work. We recently received word from our leadership that we have the green light to move ahead with plans to enter this tribe!! We are praising the Lord for this great news.


**Thank you for praying with us!**


An initial survey has already been done in the language group we have targeted and the local people have given an informal invitation for missionaries to come work there. Our team (specifically, the men) will have to go in again to work out a formal agreement and make more definite plans for our 3 families to build houses and then move into this language group. There is a lot of work that still has to happen before living in the tribe is a reality, but we are so excited for how the Lord is moving our team along!

### On the Map



 Madang – where we have been living and ministering since we arrived in PNG

 Wewak – location of another NTM center out of which we will be based very soon

 Sandaun Province in western PNG – general location of the people group our team is targeting

## Choosing a Tribe

As you may remember us sharing in the past, PNG is home to over 800 distinct languages. Of those, about 700 still have not heard the Good News in their own language. So, how did we pick this one?

In an effort to be strategic and to reach the “least reached” tribes here in PNG, New Tribes has implemented a new tool called People Group Assessment (PGA). Tribal groups that are surveyed are evaluated in several different areas. Teams of missionaries looking for a tribal work can then study all the available evaluations to aid them in choosing a location. Our team began by looking at seven different tribes. We slowly narrowed those down and finally landed on our top choice, which was the highest on the need scale according to the PGA criteria.

It was very hard to study the information on each tribal group and know that we could pick only one! They are all so needy. Through this process, though, we have been reminded that in order to say “yes” to something, you have to say “no” to many other equally good things.

We pray often for more laborers to join us here in PNG to help reach the many tribes that are still unreached. Will you pray with us?



Our Tribal Church Planting Team

**You, too, are a vital part of our team! Thank you!**

Bart and Emily Allen

## Why So Vague?

You may have noticed on the previous page that we circled a rather large area on the map instead of giving you a specific name and location of the tribe to which we are heading.

Here’s why! At some point in the future we will be able to give you some more specifics. However, until we have final approval to enter this area we need to be rather vague in our description, especially with anything that might end up on the internet. There are those in this world who actively oppose missionaries going into tribal areas. **We do not want to do anything that might in some way jeopardize our future ministry. So, please bear with us as we use extra precaution in this area.** We will share a name with you as soon as we are able! In the mean time, you can still be praying for the people that we hope to reach with the Gospel. At the present time, they are living in total darkness without knowledge of the One who came to save them! We are itching to get in there and get to work learning their language and culture.

## Back to Pack

Since the other families on our team needed to return to their home countries for a short time, our family was asked to help fill the urgent need of looking after the NTM guesthouse in the port city of Lae. We have been here for several weeks and have less than one week before we will return to Madang to begin packing up our house. Next time we’ll share more details about packing!

Another exciting development and answer to prayer is that we heard that the container carrying all of our solar equipment is due to arrive in port this week! Please pray for an uneventful clearing through customs.

Love from all the Allens,  
Bart, Emily, Luke, Titus & Caleb

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