



2023

NEW TRIBES MISSION

Papua New Guinea – People and Purpose

Vision Statement

We envision thriving churches among every people with a clear understanding of the Gospel, reading the Scriptures in their heart language, worshipping God as obedient disciples of Jesus, and growing as Spirit-led bodies governed by local elders. To accomplish this, we will continue to send church planting teams to the least reached peoples of Papua New Guinea, to disciple and teach foundationally until a revealed local body is equipped and a pathway for ongoing maturity and multiplication is established. We recognize the importance of healthy community and pledge ourselves to forming networks of accountability, prayer, and spiritual growth among our members. We see national believers trained to be partners with us in cross-cultural outreach as we enable them to continue and expand their ministry opportunities. We long for a true church planting partnership between expatriate and national missionaries in Papua New Guinea. This will encompass roles in church planting, support ministries, and organizational leadership. We must continue to pursue partnerships with the national church in creative ways in a unified effort to see the name of Christ established among every people.

Missionaries

- 347 Adult Missionaries
- 653 People assigned (including adults & children)
- 156 Church Planters – 45 %
(including those living out of the tribe but still in PNG)
- 156 Support Workers – 45 %
(those who support our church planters in the tribe)
- 35 Church Planters still working with a tribe, but also doing support work – 10 %
- 52 Families/singles (31/21) living at Lapilo (field headquarters)
- 10 Families/singles (9/1) living at Hoskins (Eastern Area Support Center)
- 6 Families/singles (4/2) living at Wewak (Western Area Support Center)
- 14 Families/singles (12/2) living at Sobega (Central Area Support Center)
- 14 Families/singles (10/4) living at Kavieng, Port Moresby, and Madang combined
- 26 New Missionaries Enroute for 2024
(6 Church Planters and 20 Support Ministry)
- 7 Church Planters completing initial field orientation in 2023
- 18 Missionaries preparing to move into tribal locations

Support Teams

- 105 Students served by Numonohi Christian Academy
(54 % New Tribes Mission, 30 % Other Missions, 13 % Papua New Guineans, 3 % Other)
- 246 Citizen Workers on Centers

Scope of Work

- 800+ Tribal Languages in PNG
- ~300 People groups in PNG that still need the gospel in their heart language
- 80+ Tribal locations where we've had missionaries
- 400+ Churches established by NTM PNG since 1950
- 46 Active Church Plants
- 7 People groups identified as priority locations for new missionary teams
- 6 Existing works needing more team members
- 5 Missionary teams partnered with a national church to reach another language group within Papua New Guinea

New Testament Translations by NTM

- 34 New Testaments that have been completed
- 30 New Testaments that are in active development

Stages of Work

- 2 Teams preparing to move into a new location
- 24 Church planters involved in Tribal Culture and Language Acquisition
- 6 Teams that are discipling a young and maturing church
- 24 Teams that are discipling a maturing church and developing church leaders
- 51 Maturing churches with missionaries serving itinerantly or in partnership



We believe that as a single body, expat and citizen, we will be vastly more effective in fulfilling the Great Commission in PNG.



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Papua New Guinea – Monthly Momentum

2023

January

- NTM-PNG Consultant team visits **Konomala** to make recommendations for the growth of the church through a Mature Church Evaluation.
- Survey by NTM-PNG alongside the **Dinangat** Church to look for the best place to plant sister churches in the region.
- Three new church planting units arrive on the field and begin **e2 orientation**.

April

- **Churches in the Sepik** provinces in the west meet at Yembi for a conference featuring teaching from church leaders from the eastern area of Papua New Guinea.
- The **Kaulong** believers receive Acts in their language.
- Twenty people are baptized in **Wantakia**.

July

- Advanced language workshop with the **Kovol** team where they began to use newly developed discourse analysis software.
- Normally working remotely from the USA, the Mankins family is encouraged by the growth in the **Tobo** Church when they come for an in-person visit.
- **North Wahgi** Church investigates gospel interest in neighboring Jimi.

October

- The **churches of the Ramu Valley** gather together for mutual encouragement at their Bible Conference.
- 56 students are baptized after attending the third local foundational bible teaching course in **Lavongai**.
- Team in **Yambiatok** making great progress in CLA* at their check.

February

- **Consultants' Committee** meetings bring encouragement and professional development for Translation, Church Development, Literacy and CLA* consultants.
- **Amdu** begins outreach to a neighboring village.
- Final translation check for the **Hewa** New Testament.

May

- **New Britain church leaders** meet with the NTM-PNG Consultant Team to evaluate progress and plan next steps in partnership.
- Final comprehension and consultant checks for the **Lamogai** Old Testament. **Wahgi** New Testament submitted for typesetting.
- An encouraging consultant visit to the **Kora** Church provides solid next steps for the church and missionaries.

August

- Baptism takes place in two **Kaze** outreach villages in July and August.
- Foundational teaching completed again among the **Iski** people of Masa village, adding 30 new believers to the church.
- Exciting progress on the new **Discourse Analysis Software** developed by an NTM-PNG church planter for global use.

November

- The Theks, Brendles and Weavers commit to working among the **Uruwa** people.
- *That Chimbu Missionary*, Coleton Williams' **Kuman** language bible lesson videos take-off on social media.
- **Aziana** men and women record their own audio Bible in partnership with the mission organization *Faith Comes by Hearing*.

March

- **National church leaders** from across Papua New Guinea meet in the highlands to discuss how they can grow and partner better with each other and with NTM-PNG.
- The **Wabuku** people move forward in reading through a post-literacy course.
- The **Menya** Church learns about biblical marriage and parenthood based on Ephesians.

June

- The **Tanguat** Church holds its first baptisms.
- The **Interface program** returns to Papua New Guinea. Students learn first-hand about cross-cultural church planting.
- **Dinangat** believers receive 2 Corinthians in their language and the Dinangat Bible Teachers prepare to develop their own lessons.

September

- Dedication of the **Simbari** New Testament.
- Three new missionary families arrive on the field and begin **e2 orientation** in Madang along with 60 students starting classes at **Ramu Valley Academy** as they add another grade.
- The Patpatar Church Elders appoint an elder in the **Madak** Church.
- The Trott family joins the **Maliyali** team

December

- The **New Ireland Province Churches** meet for a conference in Patpatar.
- Housebuilding starts for Rachel Closs in **Bisorio**.
- The **Maliyali** Church celebrates its first baptisms.
- **Second R66 helicopter** is operational.

*CLA = Culture and Language Acquisition

The NTM-PNG Team exists to glorify God by planting churches in Papua New Guinea that are equipped for maturity and multiplication.

