



2024

# NEW TRIBES MISSION

## Papua New Guinea – People and Purpose

### Vision & Values

Our vision is to see a thriving church for every tribe, language, and people in Papua New Guinea (Revelation 5:9).

#### Values:

Biblically Anchored – We promise to live and work according to the Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

Unified – We promise to reflect God's love of unity in all our relationships and partnerships (John 17:21).

Spirit-Led – We promise to follow the Holy Spirit's guidance in every aspect of our lives (Romans 8:14).

Excellence – We promise to employ wisdom, understanding, knowledge, and craftsmanship in our methods and ministry (Exodus 31:3).

Sacrificial Service – We promise to follow the example of Christ by offering ourselves for the sake of the gospel (Philippians 2:3-11).

### Missionaries

- 340 Adult Missionaries
- 636 People assigned (including adults & children)
- 149 Church Planters – 44 %  
(including those living out of the tribe but still in PNG)
- 156 Support Workers – 46 %  
(those who support our church planters in the tribe)
- 35 Church Planters still working with a tribe,  
but also doing support work – 10 %
- 93 Families/singles (40/13) living at Lapilo (field headquarters)
- 14 Families/singles (6/2) living at Hoskins  
(Eastern Area Support Center)
- 16 Families/singles (7/2) living at Wewak  
(Western Area Support Center)
- 17 Families/singles (8/1) living at Sobega  
(Central Area Support Center)
- 20 Families/singles (7/6) living at Kavieng, Port Moresby,  
and Madang combined
- 17 New Missionaries Enroute for 2025 (17 Support Ministry)
- 6 Church Planters completing initial field orientation in 2024
- 15 Missionaries preparing to move into tribal locations

### Support Teams

- 97 Students served by Numonohi Christian Academy  
(62% New Tribes Mission, 26% Other Missions,  
13% Papua New Guineans, 3% Other)
- 214 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
- 43 Active Church Plants
- 9 People groups identified as priority locations for  
new missionary teams
- 8 Existing works needing more team members
- 3 Missionary teams partnered with a national church to  
reach another language group within Papua New Guinea

### Translations by NTM PNG

- 38 New Testaments have been completed
- 1 Old Testament has been completed
- 25 Active Translation Projects

### Stages of Work

- 2 Teams preparing to move into a new location
- 26 Church planters involved in Tribal Culture and  
Language Acquisition
- 3 Teams that are discipling a young and maturing church
- 19 Teams that are discipling a maturing church and  
developing church leaders
- 55 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.



# NEW TRIBES MISSION Papua New Guinea – Monthly Momentum

2024

## January

- New Tribes Mission (NTM) PNG and National Pastors lead a **Bible Teacher Training Workshop** at Sobega. Five local churches sent 16 new teachers to be trained.
- The **Tanguat** Bible teachers teach a group in their own village chronologically through the Bible and run a literacy outreach class for A & M Villages.

## April

- The **Amdu** Church receives printed study guides for Acts, Romans and Ephesians, along with all the scripture portions that have been translated so far.
- The **Mamusi** Team and Church witness God cut through opposition and work a miracle to clear up a dispute that was keeping them from building their houses.
- A **Tok Pisin Literacy Workshop** is held in partnership with the **Patpatar** Church.

## July

- The **Konomala** Church hosts a New Ireland Church Leaders' meeting.
- The **Pal** Church teaches in a new outreach location resulting in the people being convicted of their sins.
- **Maliyali** has their first epistles checked by a translation consultant a few weeks after holding their first communion with cooking bananas and juice.

## October

- **Orientation for church planting** kicks off in Madang with 3 families and a single.
- **Surveys** are done in East New Britain by the newly formed team of Ewerts, Poulsens and Shaieblys and in the mountains of Morobe by the newly formed Clonch, Fitzpatrick and Sanford team.
- Elder Workshop for **Itutang** and **Iski** leaders takes place at the Madang Center.

## February

- A leadership coach with Growability® helps equip **Field Leaders and Department Managers**. NTM PNG updates their mission, vision and core values.
- In **Wusuraambya**, with 85% of the New Testament complete, the church continues to receive invitations for Bible teaching.
- For the first time in 22 years, a baptism is held for believers in **Tobo**.

## May

- The Brendles, Theks and Weavers move into **Uruwa** to start learning language and culture.
- The **Ata** Church hosts a family for 2 months to help with their orientation to PNG culture.
- The **Gimi** Churches send 18 leaders to affirm elder appointments, help with baptisms, and celebrate 5 years of discipleship in the **Pawaian** churches.

## August

- Steve Stanley checks out of language study in the **Kovol** language and is able to move on to prepping for literacy and translation.
- Jason Cizdziel starts the chronological teaching in **Wabuku**.
- Progress is made toward the first **Anem** translation check in February.
- The **Sorimi** Church celebrates the arrival of the New Testament in the Sorimi language.

## November

- Jeff Shepley in **Mali-Baining** has his first translation check.
- The Flanagans host **Mengen** believers at the NTM PNG Headquarters to work on translation revisions and lesson development.
- The **Iski** New Testament is fully drafted.
- Following the example of the Ephesian believers in Acts, believers from a **Kaze** outreach church burn their magic items.

## March

- Due to a nation-wide fuel shortage, the **Wantakia** Team plans for an extended absence, allowing Bible teachers in training to take responsibility for caring for the church on their own for the first time.
- **Hewa and Malaumandan** believers work together to reach out to a neighboring people group with the gospel.
- The **Lamogai** Bible Translation is completed—NTM PNG's first whole Bible.

## June

- The people of **Malaumanda** receive a revised and updated New Testament translation.
- The **Dinangat** Church initiates an outreach to T village on their own without missionary aid.
- The **Iski** Church starts a literacy outreach in a neighboring village that used to be opposed to the teaching.

## September

- The **Mian** Team accepts the peoples' invitation to be their missionaries.
- The Hernandezes, in **Nakanai**, start TCLA\*.
- The **Biem** New Testament has its final consultant check.
- Representatives from **17 Eastern Area language groups** gather to encourage each other and plan for the next year of discipleship and partnership with NTM PNG.

## December

- The final read through of the **Kaul** New Testament is in progress.
- Eight men participate in a Bible Teacher Training course in **Kafe**.
- The **Kuman** Bible Launching takes place on December 12, 2024.
- The **North Wahgi** Church receives the New Testament in their language.

\*TCLA = Tribal Culture and Language Acquisition

Our mission is to reach the unreached, plant and nurture churches that continually glorify God, and empower national leaders to do the same (Matthew 28:18-20).

