



2025

# 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

- 319 Adult Missionaries
- 599 People assigned (including adults & children)
- 140 Church Planters – 44 %  
(including those in PNG but no longer in the tribe)
- 145 Support Workers – 46 %  
(those who support our church planters in the tribe)
- 34 Church Planters still working with a tribe, but also doing support work – 11 %
- 150 Living on Support Centers
- 98 Families/singles (40/18) living at Lapilo (field headquarters)
- 13 Families/singles (6/1) living at Hoskins (Eastern Area Center)
- 9 Families/singles (4/1) living at Wewak (Western Area Center)
- 16 Families/singles (7/2) living at Sobega (Central Area Center)
- 14 Families/singles (4/6) living at Kavieng, Port Moresby, and Madang combined
- 61 Living in Church Planting Locations
- 78 On Home Assignment or Medical Leave
- 18 Serving Itinerantly or Offsite
- 12 New Missionaries Enroute for 2026  
(7 Support Ministry, 5 Church Planters)
- 6 Church Planters completing initial field orientation in 2025
- 13 Missionaries preparing to move into tribal locations

### Support Teams

- 121 Students served by Numonohi Christian Academy  
(68% New Tribes Mission, 20% Other Missions, 10% Papua New Guineans, 2% Other)
- 221 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
- 7 People groups identified as priority locations for new missionary teams
- 7 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

- 39 New Testaments have been completed
- 1 Old Testament has been completed
- 26 Active Translation Projects

### Stages of Work

- 4 Teams preparing to move into a new location
- 2 Missionaries training for partnership with the National Church
- 17 Church planters involved in Tribal Culture and Language Acquisition
- 3 Teams that are discipling a young and maturing church
- 20 Teams that are discipling a maturing church and developing church leaders
- 53 Maturing churches with missionaries serving itinerantly or in partnership



# NEW TRIBES MISSION Papua New Guinea – Monthly Momentum

2025

## January

- The **North Wahgi** Church holds a Bible Dedication and invites many unbelievers to share in the celebration.
- Two families from the **Aziana** people group are commissioned to come alongside the **Menya** Church for discipleship.
- Leaders in **Yembiyembi** renew their dedication to pastoring the flock.

## April

- The team office is built in **Mian**, our newest work, and milling starts for the missionaries' houses.
- The church in **Komomala** studies through Romans.
- The **Wantakia** Church kicks off their first youth group.
- A Church leaders' workshop is held for **Iski**, **Itutang** and **Kaze** Bible teachers.

## July

- **Wantakia** elders in training are discipled by missionaries over video call every other week, as the team is now itinerate.
- The **Lembena** team tests out of TCLA\* and begins constructing their literacy materials.
- The **Tigak** Church receives and is taught through children's Bible curriculum and church Bible study booklets.

## October

- The church in **Dom** receives revised New Testaments.
- The **Iski** New Testament has its final consultant check and is ready to be finalized for print.
- Comprehension checking of the **Wusuraambya** New Testament continues from Canada over video call with the translation helpers in the village.

## February

- The first consultant check of the **Anem** Bible translation takes place.
- Literacy materials are developed for the **Kovol** language group.
- Revisions for reprint start on the 40-year old **Lamogai** Creation to Christ course.
- Missionaries in **Amdu** start training faithful men to be Bible teachers.

## May

- The national Bible teachers in **Lavongai** wrap up teaching through Romans after 12 months.
- The **Pal** and **Akolet** translations are 74% consultant checked.
- A single missionary finishes learning the **Bisorio** language in order to work alongside church leaders in the discipleship of women and children.

## August

- A new training program for partnership with the National Church starts with one couple.
- A new church planting team signs a land agreement to move into **Gende**.
- The **Kuyu** team tests out of TCLA\* and begins constructing their literacy materials.
- The **Dinangat** Church receives the book of Matthew in their heart language.

## November

- The people of **Hewa** celebrate how God has provided new buildings and teachers for their Christian school.
- Comprehension checking is complete for the **Tobo** New Testament.
- The new hangar for **New Tribes Aviation** is functional after a year of construction.

\*TCLA = Tribal Culture and Language Acquisition

## March

- Over 50 believers are baptized in **Wabuku** after the completion of the chronological teaching.
- Youth from four **Kaulong** villages gather together for spiritual encouragement from a leader in the neighboring **Asengseng** church.
- **Mibu** believers share their testimonies at the 75th Anniversary celebration of NTM PNG in Goroka.

## June

- The **Biem** New Testament is distributed to the church, and a dedication celebration takes place.
- An outreach to a group of 250 people from two villages starts in **Tanguat**.
- The **Kaze** people baptize over 30 new believers, and the church launches a 4-month outreach to a new village.

## September

- PNG's first Encounter trip exposes participants to cross cultural church planting and support ministry through visits to three support centers and a weekend with the **Ata** Church.
- Two elders are appointed in **Kaul** and the New Testament is sent to print.
- Building starts on a Bible teachers' office for the **Malaumanda** church.

## December

- A group of **Lusi** and **Mouk** believers complete a read-through of the Bible, after meeting weekly throughout the year to discuss what they are reading.
- A survey of the **Vitu** language group takes place in hopes of a team moving in to begin work there.
- House building in **Mamusi** moves forward after years of delays.

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).

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