



# Alan & Donna Brooks

Papua New Guinea Bible Coordinator  
Baptist International Missions, Inc.  
PO Box 9 · Harrison, TN 37341  
423.504.3132 · alanb@bimi.org



## PNG Update - January 2021

As we begin to travel through 2021, our minds are drawn to what the future holds. The late Evangelist Lester Roloff when asked what he thought the future held would respond, "As bright as the promises of God." How true the statement is for our day!

At this time in Papua New Guinea (PNG), it is what we would call their summer vacation since they are below the equator. School is out until February. Before the schools closed for the break, it was a great encouragement to know that many of the national pastors are carrying the load. I have received reports from almost all over the country of progress being made.

In an earlier letter, I asked that we pray for a team from the Haven of Rest Baptist Church outside of Lae in Morobe Province as they traveled to the remote area of Finschhafen. A team of six Christian men, several who are preachers, took the challenge of this trip. The following is a portion of a report.

*"Bibles were distributed to 27 schools in the district. A total of 3,096 Bibles were distributed. Land transportation was made available by the local school inspector of the Finschhafen district and we hired a dingy (small boat) to take us to the Tami Islands and the areas that have no access by roads.*

*We as a team were blessed to hand these Bibles to each child in these schools. We saw their faces glow with joy as they each said, 'Thank you.' They would hold the Bibles up against their chests and some even kissed the covers of the Bibles. Each school representative gave an appreciation address saying that this was their need and they offered a BIG THANK YOU to Baptist International Missions and the Christians of the Baptist Churches in America and around the globe who gave for this special gift—a gift from God!"*

They further reported that during the evenings, services were held in many of the villages. Students came with their Bibles and parents to hear the Word shared by Preacher Robin Leo and Preacher Rueben Bill. During these evening meetings, 20 students trusted the Lord as Savior and 11 adults did likewise.

I wish there were room to tell all of the stories. Men have been working in East Sepik and Sanduan in the far north. Others have been working in Wewak and on Karkar Island, while others have been working in the Highland provinces. I guess one of the great things in heaven will be to hear how our Lord has brought so many to Himself.

In an earlier prayer letter, I mentioned that "the most fertile ground will stay barren unless the seed is sown." Pastor Holmes Tako often reminds me of one of my favorite sayings, "You can't have a harvest if you don't sow the seed." Pastor Holmes reported recently of a revival he was part of in the Western Highlands where in three days 117 people were saved. Meanwhile, at Morata Baptist Church in Port Moresby, 32 young men were saved at a special youth service. Truly, God is working in PNG in a big way!

I do have several prayer requests that I would ask you to join with me in prayer. In the last two months I have had some health issues arise that have slowed me down a bit. I am working with my doctor in hopes of being able to control them. Also, please pray for me to be able to travel back to PNG when school starts again. The COVID-19 outbreak has almost totally stopped the international travel to Southeast Asia. I am working with travel agents and trying to get special help from some of my friends in the government. The paper work, red tape, limited access countries, extremely limited flights, and quarantine requirements are quite overwhelming. As most understand, government issues do not move along quickly.

As always, we sincerely thank you for your commitment to missions and to us and our ministry through your prayers and giving. We pray God's blessing upon you all during the coming year.



*I will proceed to do a marvelous work among this people, even a marvelous work and a wonder.*  
Isaiah 29:14