

# John & Lena Allen

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### Independence

Papua New Guinea celebrated its 43<sup>rd</sup> Independence Day last month. The local communities wait to celebrate independence when the Member of Parliament sends money to pay for sporting events, but rarely do they celebrate it on the actual date (September 16).

This year was different; our Member of Parliament came to our village on Independence Day, so we got to celebrate it on time! I had the privilege of being one of the guest speakers. I was able to remind several hundred of our Kamea people that we have a responsibility to pray for our leaders as we hold them accountable before God and men. The best part was that I was able to share the Gospel with them again, and that is the best independence message of them all.

### Interdependence

God has blessed Lena and me over the years with great co-workers at Kunai. Recently we've had interns Emma Stout, Laura-Lee Alford, and Marie Bell join us to work in the clinic. They have adapted well and have such a heart for the Lord and for our people. We are blessed by their enthusiasm and zeal for the Lord!



*Chelsea demonstrates care of one of our milk babies as Ellie, Emma, Marie, & Laura-Lee enjoy the lesson.*

We also said, "So long!" to one of our interns, Chelsea Moorman. She is gifted with tireless compassion and has a heart for discipling young

ladies in a cross-cultural environment. She will be missed!

### God-Dependence

Sometimes we all have hectic schedules. As I muse about what has happened here in the last several weeks, this is what I recall. We

- hosted two visiting doctors
- welcomed two new interns
- did language & culture orientation with the new interns
- made several attempts to fly back to our village (due to cloudy weather)
- fixed a landslide
- spoke at Kotidanga's Independence Day celebration
- flew out of our village in the Member of Parliament's helicopter
- said good-bye to an intern
- flew to Australia for doctor's visits, tests, and treatment
- flew back to PNG
- visited our son's ministry in Port Moresby
- met with our home church pastor

Speaking of our home church pastor: Pastor Matt Anders had already planned (in God's perfect timing) to be in PNG to meet with us, and how timely it was in our present circumstance! We are so grateful for a local church that loves and cares for us. Receiving support from your church is good; knowing that they pray for you fervently is even better; and having them send your pastor to come see you on the field, well, that's above what we could ask or think!

Pray with us as Lena continues to recover. We are out of Kunai now, preparing to make our supply and medicine trip to Lae city in a few days, and then we will rest a bit before flying back to Kunai in mid-November.

All glory to Christ,  
*John & Lena Allen*

2 Thessalonians 3:1  
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