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CHURCH PLANTERS TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA

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*It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.
They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.
—Lamentations 3:22-23*

The Lord is continually gracious to us all. The Prophet Jeremiah wrote the book of Lamentations during a time of discouragement; yet, he remembered the faithfulness of the Lord as the basis for our ability to find joy every morning.

After a short setback due to a positive Covid test on the day before our international flight, we were able to finally get home. I have to say—that flight via the Middle East seems like the longest trip! I'm thankful for the healing in my back, as it required a 14-hour flight, followed by two 7-hour flights (Dallas-Doha-Singapore-Port Moresby). We were able to find a shower in the airport at both Doha and Singapore. Upon arrival in Port Moresby, we both tested negative and were permitted to go HOME without any quarantine. We are so thankful to be home!

The construction work continues on the new church building, and we met in the unfinished auditorium for the first time on the 16th of January! It had rained the night before, and there were puddles of water all throughout the auditorium. But we were together! Right now, the construction team is adding walls to the upstairs portion, and this will cut down on the driving rain that is still able to enter the building. It is now coming into Cyclone Season on the southern coast of PNG, so rain is definitely in the forecast. If you look closely at the wall in the picture, you can see there was rain leaking into the building during church. It certainly is a work in progress.



Last Sunday, we had 14 adults join the church and one special baptism for a man who was unable to make it to church on the day we baptised everyone else. God continues to grow His church in Papua New Guinea.

The new school year started about three weeks ago, and we have 149 students that we can invest into daily with the grace of the Lord Jesus. Thank you for your faithful partnership in this ministry!

Sincerely,
Matt and Becky Allen