Papua New Guinea (PNG) sits on the eastern half of the island of New Guinea, with many smaller PNG islands to the north and east. Eighty-five percent of its people make a subsistence living on agriculture. However, oil, copper, and gold make up 72 percent of export earnings. Ninety-eight percent of the people are Melanesian, and about 1,000 ethnic groups speak 862 languages. Ninety-six percent of the people claim to be Christian, although in many cases, it is nominal or superficial Christianity. True repentance and discipling are urgently needed.

NEEDS

In PNG, Christianity has been weakened by nominalism and a blending with spiritism and the occult. Muslims are actively spreading Islam as well.

Fifty-three percent of PNG’s population are under 25 years of age, and the average life expectancy is age 67.

Papua New Guinea is the world’s most linguistically diverse nation. Bible translators are needed throughout PNG to provide Scriptures in languages that still lack them.

Two BMM couples (now retired) devoted a lifetime to translating the Kaulong Bible on the PNG island of Southwest New Britain. Workers are needed to continue the translation and to train the people to understand, apply, and take the Bible’s message to others.

HOW YOU CAN SERVE

- Bible translators and educators are needed to continue the work on Southwest New Britain.
- Church planters are needed to evangelize new believers and disciple Christians to maintain a solid doctrinal stance and evangelical focus.
- Youth ministers are needed to reach PNG’s large youth demographic to shape future generations for Christ.
- Theological training is important to equip and train leaders in-country to serve in the pastorate and in other Christian ministry.

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