

## MATT & BECKY ALLEN FAMILY CHURCH PLANTERS TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA

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For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. Romans 8:18

Today: I woke up to learn that our website had been hacked, and then I learned that the local firewall had also been breached. A few hours later, I figured out that the contractor had welded the wrong type of lock into the new gates. The fridge at the house quit working, and I can't get one of the air conditioners to come on. The phone hasn't worked in almost three weeks. Meanwhile, someone accidentally cut down the new tree that we just planted. This stuff just feels normal here, because there is not really anything specifically new about these "little foxes" of daily frustrations.

I have to tell you about the blessings, though. They far outnumber the headaches. First, I have a fridge, several air conditioners, a website, and a firewall. We have gates up on a strong fence, because of the special love you folks poured out when we asked for help.

Second, these little things are only vehicles to help us get to the real work: proclaiming the Word of God, and helping people walk right with the Lord. Wow—the opportunities have been abundant, and the results we are seeing are so encouraging! Last Friday night, I had the privilege of filling in, speaking to our regular Friday night Youth Bible Study; 120 young people gathered as they do every week, and I spoke to them about the importance of doing Quiet Time devotions every day.



Small acts of compassion, like the privilege of connecting the displaced Goilala Tribespeople with mosquito nets that were donated by the Rotarians here locally, have further opened gospel conversation opportunities. Big wins like the way a young man in the church shared his heart to serve the Lord in a meaningful way make those "little foxes" seem much more bearable.

One more thing: for those of you who have been praying about the land case—the judge ruled in our favour, and that title was ruled fraudulent! We can no longer be evicted, and we are now pushing forward to get our own title on this property! That's a win!

God has been good to us; and despite the setbacks, the wins just keep coming! Many of you have reached out to encourage us, and we are so thankful for that.

Sincerely,

Matt and Becky Allen