

MATT & BECKY ALLEN FAMILY CHURCH PLANTERS TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA

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I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD. —Psalm 122:1

This new year is off and running—how is it February already?! There is so much going on, and we are thankful that the Lord has called us to His work. We are also thankful that you partner with us in His work.

Pastoring the church here gives me the opportunity to watch young people and adults come to faith in Christ and grow in grace, and I am loving what I'm seeing. There is so much growth in our church with an upcoming group of leaders that gives me a lot of hope!

Becky leads the Christian school here, and this new year brings 240 students from four years old up to the ninth grade. I am working on my doctoral dissertation this year, and it centers on the importance of discipleship in the lives of students and parents of those students in a Christian school. We are so thankful for the great team of teachers that invest in these children every day!

Speaking of teachers, I want to extend a heart-Bible teacher felt thank you to all of you that gave (and gave so quickly) to help with the security upgrades

Loiter Maraga, a graduate of Baptist Bible Institute of Port Moresby, in his first year as a

here on campus. We are seeing progress daily! Twenty-eight new light poles line the fence line and light up the boundary. More cameras have been put up, and we have more cameras to install to cover blindspots. I'm even planning to make use of motion-sensors and AI technology to help our night guards be alerted to suspicious activity along the fence line. And, then there is the fence itself—this monster of a fence is ten feet tall and impossible to cut through. It is being installed currently, and you can see a video of the fence being installed here.

I would also like to thank the Lord publicly, that despite the terror that was experienced on the night of November 6th, every single person involved has resolved to continue to serve right here. This is nothing short of God's miraculous grace, for which we are so thankful.

We are in the 11th week of what might be a church plant at the City Dump's Swimming Pool. You can just imagine the smells that come with that. For more details about this ministry, make sure to read <u>Dad's prayer letter here</u>.

Sincerely,

Matt and Becky Allen