

MATT & BECKY ALLEN FAMILY CHURCH PLANTERS TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA

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For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. —Matthew 16:25

After three years of patient navigation through the paperwork and processes, Becky and I are thrilled to share that we've finally secured dual citizenship in Papua New Guinea! This milestone grants us the freedom to call this beautiful nation home indefinitely—no more permit renewals or bureaucratic hurdles. More than that, it's a public declaration to our

Papua New Guinean friends: Lord willing, we intend to pour our lives into this work here for the long haul.

On a personal note, I'm overjoyed to report that last month, after more than two years of immersive coursework, research, and dissertation writing, I completed my Doctorate of Ministry from Veritas Baptist College. This degree further equips me to step into leadership at the new Christian university we're launching in Port Moresby. We're excited about the doors this opens for training the next generation of leaders in PNG.



In other encouraging news, our Christian school just wrapped up a rigorous five-year financial audit covering 2019–2024. We're grateful to receive an Unqualified Opinion—a clean bill of health across the board. While we anticipated this outcome based on our commitment to transparency and integrity, seeing it affirmed on paper was a wonderful reminder of how faithfulness yields fruit.

Becky's long-held vision for the children in our ministry has also come to joyful fruition! For seven years, she's rallied small fundraisers to bring a safe, fun playground to life for both our school and church children. Additionally, several of you have helped in that fundraiser, for which we are so thankful. Last week, the brand-new commercial playground—complete with rubberized fall protection—opened its gate, and the squeals of delight from the children say it all. They absolutely love it, and it's already becoming a hub of laughter and connection.

Finally, a huge praise regarding our property: As some of you may recall, a fraudulent title had cast a shadow over our ability to stay put where we are located. That threat is now history—the National Court judge overturned it a few months ago, and the subsequent appeal has been summarily dismissed. With a clear pathway ahead, we're prayerfully advancing efforts to secure legal protections and pursue an official title for the 15 acres the Lord so graciously entrusted to us back in 2013. This land, where we've built and

grown our ministry for over a decade, holds a lot of promise. Join us in prayer for smooth proceedings and wisdom every step.

Thank you, from the depths of our hearts, for standing with us through prayer, encouragement, and generous support. Your partnership makes all the difference in this ministry that God has called us to.

-Matt and Becky Allen