

Papua New Guinea

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Rebuilding Bible Society

Overview

Bible Society Papua New Guinea (BSPNG) urgently requires capacity building to reach future generations with God's word. The focal of this project is establishing sustainable and impactful Bible-based mission work.



The Need

There are more than 880 languages in PNG with more than 300 languages yet to receive any Bible translation. Almost 89% of the approximately 8.9 million people are in the (largely remote) rural areas. Much of the population is uneducated and live in poverty. Literacy is a major challenge; many would not be able to read the Bible. There is a vast need for Bible translation, Bible distribution, literacy and church partnerships, especially in the rural areas.

The word of God already has a place in the rural communities of PNG. The people living in these remote communities consider the distribution of Bibles of paramount importance.

To meet these needs, it is essential that the Bible Society is present and sustainable.

880

languages in PNG

300

languages yet to receive any Bible translation

60,000+

Tok Pisin, Huli and GNB Bibles, New Testaments and Psalms were shipped in 2023

"and I answered the king, 'If it pleases the king and if your servant has found favour in his sight, let him send me to the city in Judah where my ancestors are buried so that I can rebuild it.'"

Nehemiah 2:5, NIV

Goals

Rebuilding a functioning Bible Society in PNG began in 2019, and the goal of this project remains the same: to strengthen BSPNG so it can ensure that all people have access to the Scriptures, which means that all people can Open The Bible.

Despite all the challenges in 2020-2021, Bible Society PNG was able to successfully complete the majority of renovations on properties they own in Paga and Lae. Their five-year strategic plan was finalised for implementation in 2022 onwards.

In 2024, the plans and proposed activities for the project, such as the renovation and maintenance of building properties, installation of a standby generator set (a combination of an engine and an electric generator) and reserve water tanks for Paga and Lae, free distribution of remaining stock in the old and unsafe Lae warehouse (which will be demolished), and IT infrastructure development will continue to be implemented.

Impact

In 2023, 26,000 Tok Pisin Bibles, 24,480 Tok Pisin New Testament & Psalms, 6,850 Huli Bibles and 5,100 GNB Bibles were shipped, made possible due to BSPNG's improved sustainability and partner support.

The renovated BSPNG properties will impact local income, supporting ministry work in PNG. Two leased properties already generate a monthly income for mission sustainability, with one more Bible House in Kobi awaiting renovation.

Staff recruitment and Bible distribution growth are progressing slowly but steadily, and will have an impact on evangelism and Christian growth. There will be freedom for new church planting and to continue education in schools and colleges with God's word, reducing illiteracy.

As BSPNG rebuilds, more Scripture engagement projects will ensure access to Scripture, leading to transformed lives and communities.

Testimonies

"My vision for Bible Society Papua New Guinea is to see that the nation is filled with the knowledge of the Word of God, as the waters cover the sea. This is a biblical vision and I want to have it for Bible Society Papua New Guinea, as I work to resurrect Bible Society PNG. I want to set a Scriptural, a biblical vision ..to see a full resurrection, and the infiltration and penetration of the word of God, the growth and development of the word of God, in the nation of Papua New Guinea. That this vision would drive me and staff that will come on, and every brother and sister Bible Society who are supporting us, that this will be a driving motivational vision for us going forward from 2022." — Joel Peter, General Secretary of BSPNG

Prayer Needs

- Pray for God to open doors and hearts to come forward to fund the rebuilding of the Bible Society.
- Pray for foreign currency situation in PNG and the government policies that are having a negative impact on NGO's.
- Pray for God to bring the right prospect for distribution manager position.