



## John & Lena Allen

*in*

## Papua New Guinea

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### December 2025

#### TRAVELS

Since our last update, we traveled to the USA for Lena's medical appointments via the Philippines to visit our dear Selly. She is learning the ropes as a freshman at L.D. Woosley/Bethany Baptist College in Manila, and is involved in many ministries in addition to her studies. It was good to see her!

In the following weeks we were in missions conferences and churches in Florida and Texas. We were especially encouraged (and spoiled!) at Capitol City Baptist in Austin, TX. Another blessing was being back at Victory Baptist in Milton, FL, which has been behind us in our translation project from the time it was just a dream. It was good to spend time with Pastor Fellure and the print shop men to talk through the next steps toward printing our Kamea John/Romans and the entire New Testament!

In December we enjoyed the wonderful wedding of our granddaughter Beth in Montana. Praise the Lord for the time with family in such a beautiful setting!

#### MEDICAL UPDATE

We are thankful for the medical appointments and tests that Lena has been able to get. She has three more long-awaited MRIs scheduled right after the New Year, and then (hopefully) a final appointment with her primary care doctor. Some treatments have been rough, but those of late have been helpful. She came to the USA on a cane, but now is able to move around well without it. We are grateful to those who have offered all sorts of help and advice along the way. Most of all, we are grateful for all who have kept this a matter of prayer. Please keep it up! If things continue to go well, we plan to return to PNG in January in time to begin our next Bible college semester.

#### TRANSLATION REVIEW

Between meetings and medical appointments, I have been able to complete final reviews of John and Romans. All that remains is to type in the corrections and to lay out the text. Please pray we can see this in print and delivered to PNG for distribution soon!



## **JUST ONE MESSAGE**

On a weekend visit with our friend (and former co-worker) Missionary Sarah Glover, we dropped in to visit a supporting church. The pastor introduced me to Brother Joe Marshall, and I mentioned that I remembered a Joe Marshall who was a missionary to Australia back in the day. Joe confirmed that he indeed was that missionary.

Why did this mean so much to me? When Brother Joe visited our church in 1983, I was still in Bible college and had just come full-time on staff at our church. I don't remember what his topic was, but that night changed my devotional life from that time until now. He quoted so many Scripture verses in context and gave us such a challenge that I went home and promised the Lord, by His grace and His strength, I would be consistent in my morning devotions at a specific time every day, spending real time in the Word seeking to know my Lord Jesus better. Brother Joe had no idea about it, until

our providential meeting on a Sunday in November 2025, almost 43 years later.

How many times in how many contexts have I shared that story over the years! *One* preacher, on *one* Wednesday evening, with *one* message affected *one* young preacher for the rest of his life. We never know the impact the Lord will make through us, nor do we know the ripple effect of one life lived for the glory of God. For those of you who serve the Lord, take heart! It is God who works through you. Stay faithful in the Word and prayer. Keep seeking the Lord, to know Him and to enjoy His presence. Keep witnessing, keep sharing stories of His goodness. Who knows whom you might affect?

Praising God for His Grace and Goodness,  
***John & Lena Allen***  
Psalm 71:18

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