

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

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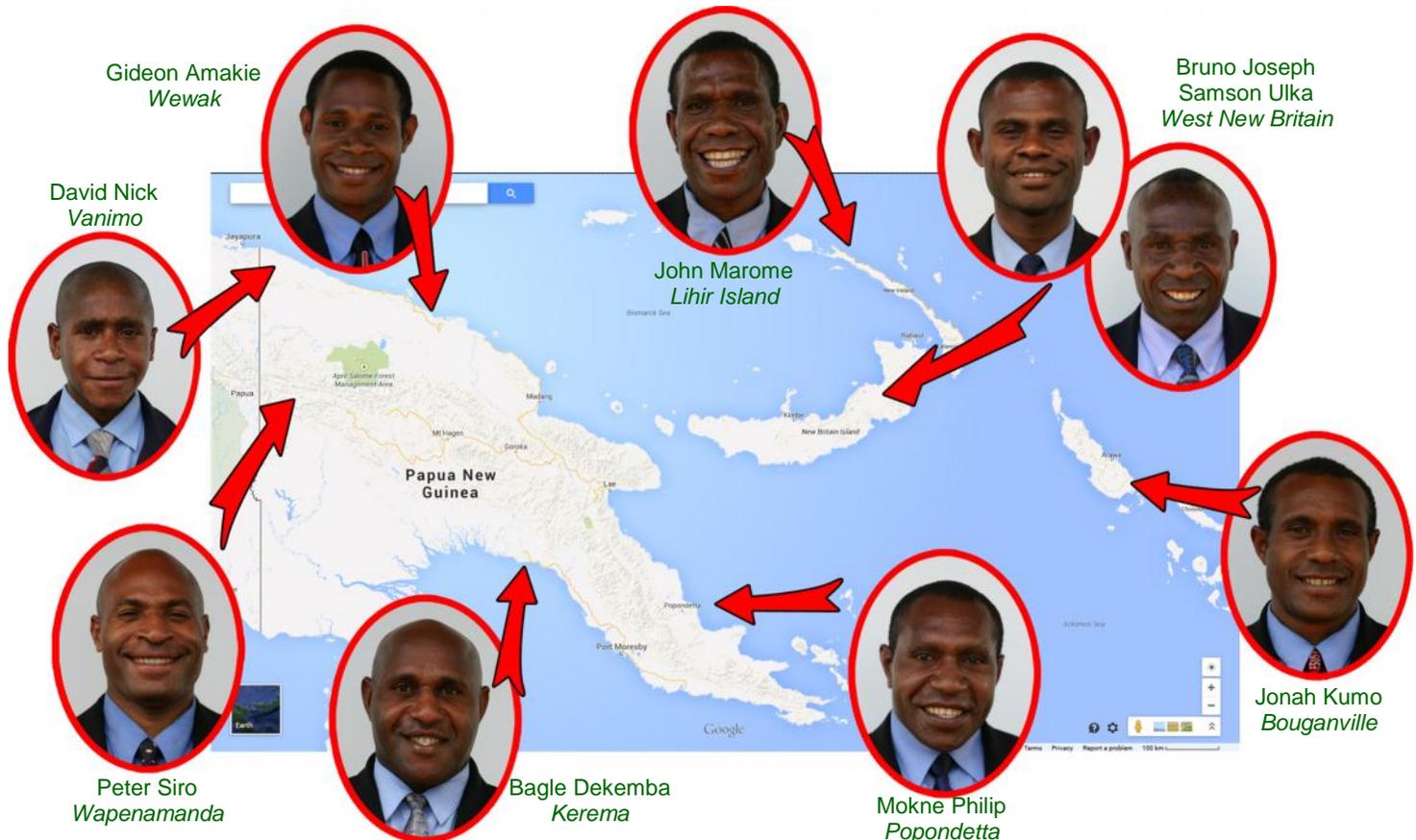
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Dear Partners and Friends,



Papua New Guinea sends out Home Missionaries!!!



The biggest news of this Quarter is also the most exciting. During our recent General Board Meeting, the Board interviewed the graduating Bible School students. As one by one came to the Board, they expressed their desire to go as Home Missionaries into our "Missions Zones" - the under-evangelized areas of PNG where the church has minimal presence. The above picture shows the names and faces of those young men who are stepping out in faith to go to these areas. I was moved greatly by their willingness to leave the known behind and step into the unknown. Some are going where there are no contacts, no relatives, no churches. Even though they are still within the borders of their own country, it is really like they are going to a different world—remember that PNG has over 800 languages and sub-cultures! They are taking their families; wives, children and small babies with them, not having a house to move into or knowing what schooling is available, or where finance will come from beyond the initial \$75 pocket money that the PNG Missions Department gives them to start off with. Their faith reminded me of the first steps that my family made as we packed up our house, left our worldly possessions behind, and came to Papua New Guinea. An exciting aspect is that one of them has gone to the Autonomous Region of Bouganville (Buka Island) - which is set to become its own independent country in a few years if all goes well—which means that PNG has almost sent out its first Foreign Missionary—we are touching the borders of the Solomon Islands!

These young men are *only a part* of the outcome from our recent Graduation; the rest have returned to their provinces in the mainland to preach in existing local churches or become evangelists in the main centres. In 2013, we sent out 4 as Missions Workers. This year, we are sending out 9, in addition to those graduates who are working on the mainland. This is a fantastic result for the Bible School and the church here. We are so proud of these fine young men.

We request you to keep them and their families in your prayers, as they will most certainly need them over the coming months. Thank you again for praying for us, and for Papua New Guinea, and for labourers. The seeds that you have planted through your prayers and your giving are bearing fruit, and a glorious harvest awaits. But truly there are still so many other places to be reached, and I can say with the Lord Jesus:

*"Truly the harvest field is enormous, and there are only a few labourers...
Therefore pray unto the Lord of the Harvest, that He would send out labourers into the harvest".*