

PNGUM launches Strategic Plan



PNGUM President Pr Malachi Yani with a copy of the Strategic Plan.

The Papua New Guinea Union Mission launched its strategic plan for the quinquennium on December 1, 2021 in Lae, Morobe province.

Prime Minister James Marape virtually launched the PNGUM Strategic Plan 2022-2025 at the Dame Rose Kekedo Convention Centre, PNG University of Technology.

Before launching the plan, Mr Marape challenged church members to own and relate to the plan.

"I am happy that the church has a plan. This plan can be inter-generational. Church members must embrace this plan," he said.

Mr Marape said he was happy to see the church's plan for distance education, technical vocational education training and a hospital in or near Port Moresby.


South Pacific Division President Pr Glenn Townend encouraged everyone to make the plan work.

"Don't keep it on your desk or shelf. Keep it in your mind, soul and body. Make it happen for the glory of God," Pr Townend said.

Meanwhile, PNGUM President Pr Malachi Yani appealed to all partners to own the plan.

"Take this plan as yours. You must own, grow and embrace it," he said.

The plan will enable the church to wholistically touch the lives of people including church-goers through its four arenas- mission, service, people and culture and wholistic sustainable empowerment.

The union's strategic themes are 2021- I will Go and seek His Will through the power of the Holy Spirit, 2022 - I will Go and empower a Community for Jesus, 2023 - I will Go and sustain the community, 2024 - I will Go and celebrate His goodness and 2025 - I will Go and Refocus. 

- **Jacqueline Wari**



PNGUM President Pr Malachi Yani and local mission presidents with copies of the Strategic Plan.

Keep sowing seeds: Philip

The PNG Union Mission has been challenged to grow the church in the country.

South Pacific Division Discipleship Strategy leader Pr Danny Philip made the call at the launching of the PNGUM Strategic Plan 2022-2025 in Lae, Morobe.

Pr Philip said the strategic plan was intended to sow the Gospel seed using the four key arenas - mission, service, people and culture and wholistic sustainable empowerment.

"Let's continue to equip and resource our church. It will take its course even after many days. 'Let's keep the seed sowing happening for more harvest and build an Adventist movement!'"

"Let us seek the will of God. It is a call to be servants. With the power of God we can move to make disciples," Pr Philip said.


When expounding on the division's disciple-making strategy, Pr Philip stressed the importance of seed sowing in the harvest cycle model.

Quoting Isaiah 11:6, he said: "Farmers who wait for perfect weather never plant. If they watch every cloud, they never harvest."

Pr Philip added that those who made the effort were blessed as promised in Isaiah 30:23

"The Lord will bless you with rain at planting time. There will be wonderful harvests and plenty of pasture for your livestock."

"Zechariah 8:12 is a promise that God will bless the efforts of his people."

"Keep sowing seeds. They will germinate to bear fruits, even after many days," he said 

Morobe Mission reaches out to new work area



The newly-baptised members at Gaugau community in Finschhafen.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church has finally made a breakthrough into an area which is a stronghold for the Lutheran church.

Finschhafen is regarded as the home and birth place of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

The church's office is located at Helsburg, which is some 5 kilometers away from Wengune Seventh-day Adventist Church.

For years, since the establishment of the church at Wengune, no attempt was made to visit or conduct seminars on the books of Revelation and Daniel in nearby places due to resistance from the locals.

Recently, the Morobe Mission held a district camp meeting at Gaugau community near Helsburg.

The District Director for Finschhafen Pr Raymond Pololi ran a meeting from November 21- 27 on the theme *Laspla Singaut blo God* (God's Final Call).

Ten (10) people were baptised at the end of the meeting. More than 800 people witnessed the baptism. It was an eye-opener for them because baptisms are done through sprinkling in their church.

The community made a commitment to build a lamb shelter so that they can continue to bring light to others who are yet to know the truth.

They also requested for prayers so that they can build a church.

Church members and baptismal candidates camped along Skull Head beach to attend the meeting.

Many people from nearby areas attended the meetings each night.

After morning devotions, church members, both old and young, took part in activities under the Total Membership Involvement (TMI) initiative.

They helped locals who had allowed the meeting in their community. The activities included the refurbishment of a step for the house of a landowner. The landowner initially allowed the church to build the stage and kitchen for the camp meeting and provided water supply for the campers.

The members also arranged to help build a copra fermentary for a widow so she could meet all her needs. 🙏

- Jermaine Thomas

Twenty accept Jesus at evangelistic meeting



The baptised members with Church Pastor Minister Cathy Gumbalik

TWENTY people were baptised recently at an evangelistic meeting organised by the Gurako Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Huon Gulf District, Morobe.

When the province went into a lockdown due to COVID-19, the church conducted the meeting from October 31 to November 13.

At the end of the meeting the 20 were baptised.

More people responded to the appeal after the baptism. Among them were people who had left the church for more than 10 years. They made commitments to return to church.

A Lutheran church leader also responded to the appeal for baptism in future. He was there to witness his nephew's baptism.

According to records, this year's baptism figure exceeded the previous year's. 🙏 **- Jermaine Thomas**



Western Highlands Mission embraces honey bee project

THE Western Highlands Mission (WHM), through its Stewardship Department, has started a honey bee project.


The project was launched in June this year.

WHM Stewardship Director Pr Leighton Kasimo, promotes the honey bee project as part of wealth creation opportunities and self-sustenance activities for the church membership and mission workers.

The local mission has invested in one hive.

The hive is made up of three boxes with eight frames each which comes with bee broods.

The bees multiply over time to build honeycombs and eventually produce honey.

Pr Kasimo predicts that first harvest for the first hive will be done between September and October 2022.  - **Carole Cholai**

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