

Meet Our Mission Partners

THE PALMER'S: PETER & JOY

**MINISTRY PARTNER/
ORGANIZATION:**

NEW TRIBES MISSION/ETHNOS360

WHERE THEY SERVE:

AUSTRALIA AND ASIA PACIFIC



THEIR STORY:

WHEN DID YOU FIRST SENSE THE CALL TO MISSIONS?

WE WERE BOTH YOUNG CHILDREN WHEN WE KNEW GOD WANTED US TO BE MISSIONARIES. I, PETE, GREW UP IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA. MY PARENTS WENT THERE AS MISSIONARIES IN 1953. JOY WAS 10 YEARS OLD WHEN A SINGLE MISSIONARY LADY VISITED HER (YOUR) CHURCH (THE OLD STEAM VALLEY CHURCH IN 1963), AND IT WAS AT THAT TIME THAT JOY MADE A COMMITMENT TO BE A MISSIONARY AND GO WHEREVER GOD ASKED HER TO GO.

HOW DID YOUR JOURNEY BEGIN?

PETE: AFTER HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION, I JOINED THE ARMY FOR 3 YEARS, THEN SERVED WITH THE NAVIGATORS FOR 3 MORE YEARS; 1976 I ENTERED MISSIONARY TRAINING, AND THAT'S WHERE I MET JOY. JOY: AFTER HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION, I TOOK THE 3-YEAR MISSIONARY COURSE AND WENT TO VENEZUELA FOR 2 YEARS; WHEN I RETURNED TO THE USA FOR A SHORT FURLOUGH, I MET PETE AND WE WERE MARRIED AUGUST 1977.

WHAT THEY DO:

WE SERVED IN PNG/INDONESIA/AUSTRALIA FOR 46 YEARS. THERE'S NOT ENOUGH PAPER TO TELL YOU HOW GOD TOOK CARE OF US AND MET EVERY SINGLE NEED WE HAD, PLUS THE JOY OF STILL SEEING HOW HE WORKS IN THE HEARTS OF TRIBAL PEOPLE. WE WISH WE HAD ANOTHER 50 YEARS! AS OF DECEMBER 1, 2025, WE OFFICIALLY RETIRED FROM THE MISSION, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE ARE SITTING ON OUR ROCKING CHAIRS AS LONG AS GOD ENABLES US, WE WILL KEEP ON VOLUNTEERING WITH THE MISSION IN A NUMBER OF WAYS.

HOW STEAM VALLEY WALKS WITH THEM:

YOU HAVE FAITHFULLY SENT US \$20 MONTHLY ALL THESE YEARS! WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THAT!

STEAM VALLEY PRAYS FOR US FAITHFULLY, CHECKS IN WHEN WE'RE FAR FROM HOME, AND HELPS MEET NEEDS THAT KEEP US ON THE FIELD. THEIR LOVE REMINDS US WE'RE NEVER ALONE.

PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISES

-- THAT WE WILL MAKE EACH DAY COUNT FOR WHAT GOD WANTS US TO DO.
WE CURRENTLY LIVE IN AUSTRALIA ON OUR SON'S FARM. WHAT A JOY IT IS TO BE ABLE TO LIVE NEAR SOME OF OUR FAMILY, AND BEING SO CLOSE TO PNG IS A BONUS AS IT'S ONLY A 4-HOUR FLIGHT FROM OUR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

- PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR OLDEST SON AND HIS WIFE AS THEY SERVE IN INDONESIA; JEFF IS CURRENTLY TRANSLATING THE NT BIBLE AND PORTIONS OF THE OT INTO THE KORA TRIBAL LANGUAGE. IT'S A LONG TASK; PRAY FOR ENDURANCE FOR JEFF AND NAOMI.

LOOKING AHEAD

WE'RE TRUSTING GOD TO STAY WELL AND LIVE EACH DAY LOOKING FOR HIS RETURN!!

FAVORITE VERSE OR TRUTH THAT KEEPS YOU GOING

TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND LEAN NOT UNTO YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING. IN ALL YOUR WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM, AND HE WILL DIRECT YOUR PATH.

PROVERBS 3:5&6”