



September 23, 2021

Dear Pastor,

I am writing to inform you that Stan and Tresa Rowe will be coming home and resigning as missionaries at the end of October. The reasons for this decision are personal and health related, and I believe this move back to the US is genuinely in their best interest. As you can imagine, this has been an incredibly difficult decision for everyone concerned. Please pray for the Rowe family as they transition back to States.

It has been my privilege to visit the work in PNG and see first-hand the fruit of their lifetime of labor. Stan and Tresa have given an extraordinary effort to impact the people of Papua New Guinea by building a church, being involved in the training of indigenous pastors, ministering in the schools, hospitals, and local community.

While I was there, I had the opportunity to preach to thousands of people who had gathered under a giant tent to hear God's Word proclaimed, and to this day it remains as one of the most humbling and exciting ministry moments of my life. The testimonies of this couple (and other missionaries ministering with them at that time) drew people from all over the island to hear God's Word preached. Some walked for days to attend that one special meeting, and these kinds of events—along with the daily labor of this couple—have left an indelible mark on the entire nation. You and your church could have made no better investment in these past decades than you have by supporting this family. Long after they have left PNG, there will be fruit that remains for generations to come as a result of their labor there.

I am aware that your church most likely has policies or guidelines for how missionaries are supported, and also for ending support for resigned/retired missionaries. While the Rowes may not have officially reached the time to retire as missionaries, they have given a lifetime of effort in the past 25 years. If you would consider keeping them on for support during this time of transition, that would be greatly appreciated. One-time gifts helping with the costs associated with their upcoming move would also be put to good use. We, as their sending church, will make sure all their needs are met in the coming days, but any help you can provide to this family would be a worthy investment.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly. Thank you for loving, supporting, and praying for Stan, Tresa, and their family for these past years. The work they have done in the past as missionaries has truly been incredible, and we are excited to see how the Lord is going to continue to use them in the future.

Sincerely,

*Pastor Troy Dorrell*