# TWOMBLYS TO PNG



# OUR FAMILY

#### Bryan & Kerra



Uriah Judd



Sadie Rae



Penelope June "PJ"

### THE ROAD TO THE FIELD

HELLO, MY NAME is Bryan Twombly. I was born and raised in Stuart, FL. I was first introduced to missions when I was a teenager and the thought of unreached peoples laid heavy on my mind. So, after high school and spending a couple of years working I went to a missionary training school in south Texas where I would soon meet and marry my wife, Kerra. In the midst of my second year in the program my pastor, Phillip Smith, from my sending church in Stuart, FL came to visit and counseled me to return to Florida where I could be equipped and qualified for long-term missionary work in the local church. So, then being 22 years old and in my first year of marriage with a pregnant wife, we returned to Stuart, FL. Over the last 6-7 years the elders of my church have served, invested, and discipled me in church ministry. Through serving in the local church and participating in body life the Lord has been kind to mature me and my family to a place where the elders now affirm me for church planting ministry. This has been a slow and yet fast, challenging and yet good, sanctifying and yet sweet time where I have learned so many lessons.

### WHY PAPUA NEW GUINEA?

THERE IS A MASSIVE NEED for church planting in PNG. The country is linguistically the most diverse place on the planet. For example, India has roughly 1.3 billion people and 450 languages while PNG has 8 million people and 820 languages. 1/10th of the world's languages are on this island, most of which are not written and therefore **do not have a Bible in their language**. It is also one of the most remote places on the planet. Geographically, its terrain is rugged, containing dense rainforest, volcanes, swamps, mountains over 14,000 ft high, rivers, is void of railroads, and has very few paved roads. Specifically, the Finisterre mountain range in Papua New Guinea, and where our sending angency has targeted for church planting ministry has approximately seventy different language groups. Hardly any of them have their language in written form which means they do not have the Bible in their language.

Therefore, they have not been able to hear or read how the Scriptures unfold the gosepl of Jesus Christ, crucified for forgiveness of sins. All of this means that there is a need for the establisment of faithful churches among these language groups. Because of this great need, our aim is to be a part of Team Madang, a town on the North East coast of PNG.



Papua New

# WHY MADANG?

MADANG IS A LARGE PROVINCE right at the foot of the Finisterre mountain range. For years, this area has been a strategic location for the ministry to organize and support its tribal missionaries. It has become evident there is a need to add church planting work in this province. The province itself has a number of churches but sadly they are lacking in several ways. **Expository preaching is almost non-existent**. Where it is attempted, it is unskilled, shallow, and short. Often what is being taught is outright heresy. Animistic beliefs are stated as truths in sermons and the point of the passage is not understood. In the strongest church the best preaching never rises above "we must obey God's commands". Because the Scriptures are not explained, training and discipleship are not happening. In the churches of Madang social unity has become more valued than Biblical fidelity.



### THE GOALS OF TEAM MADANG

OUR AIM IS TO SEE GOD GLORIFIED among the people of Madang, Papua New Guinea with the desire to see a strong, faithful church established in the city:

Church Planting and Strengthening

TRANSLATION OF BIBLE AND MINISTRY RESOURCES

Supporting Tribal Missionary Teams

Developing a Pastoral Training Ministry

### **BRYAN TWOMBLY**



#### TRAINING & EXPERIENCE

- Completed 2 year missionary training program at The Center for Pioneer Church Planting in Los Fresnos, TX.
- Completed Elder Intern Program at Community Baptist Church in Stuart, FL.
- Led Student Ministry at Community Baptist Church for the past 6 years which involved discipleship, weekly exposition, and leadership development.
- Served as a Deacon at Community Baptist Church.
- Attended classes part-time at The Expositors Seminary for 6 years.

#### PHILOSOPHY OF TRAINING

WE BELIEVE THAT SCRIPTURE not only exemplifies but also clearly states that the training of men should happen in the local church. The last 6-7 years have been a unique opportunity where I have been able to go to seminary and serve in the church, all under the authority of my Elders. I was able to sit in class and learn from pastors and at the same time participated in shepherding ministry.

#### ORDINATION

I AM CURRENTLY PREPARING for my ordination in the fall of 2022. Getting to the place of elder qualification has been the goal for training since completing my time at the Center for Pioneer Church planting. It seems only right that as we seek to establish faithful churches, the man who would do such a work is one who has been affirmed by qualified men for the work of a pastor.

## THE SENDING AGENCY



FINISTERRE VISION IS TRULY a parachurch ministry. They come alongside local churches to assist them in sending their qualified missionaries to the ends of the earth...specifically, to the unreached people groups of the Finisterre Mountains of Papua New Guinea. They exist to equip and train these missionaries before they go, as well as to provide in-country logistical support once they are on the field.

#### **RECOMMENDATION LETTER**

FOR A MISSIONARY SENDING MINISTRY that loves the priority of the local church in the Great Commission, Bryan and Kerra are the right kind of missionaries to send to the field for Christ's sake. The Twomblys could have chosen a quicker path to the mission field years ago. Instead, they chose to stay in their church family longer for intensive discipleship and pastoral development. Their sending church (Community Baptist Church, Stuart FL) invested deeply in them and are now sending a "son and daughter" as they send their first missionaries to Papua New Guinea. Bryan and Kerra are marked by faithfulness, joy, and a teachable spirit. We are eager to come alongside Community Baptist Church's sending of the Twomblys as they serve Christ in Madang, Papua New Guinea.



## LETTER FROM ELDERS

THE ELDERS OF COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH are pleased to recommend the Twombly family for your consideration as they endeavor to serve the Lord in the country of Papua New Guinea with Finisterre Vision. The Twombly family have been a faithful and fruitful part of CBC for a number of years. Bryan has for many years been faithfully preparing for the Lord's service in foreign missions from being equipped as an elder, serving in the role of a deacon, and in many other areas of service through the ministry of CBC.

The Twombly's have demonstrated maturity suitable to serving in this role and have been prepared by the Lord's providence as well as the shepherding of the elders of Community. They are an exemplary family eager to yield themselves to the service of the Lord in the city of Madang and serving the families there while taking the Gospel to the unreached people groups of the Finisterre Mountains. They go out from Community Baptist Church with the full approval and commissioning of our elders and body.

We ask that you consider them for financial partnership and (much more importantly) as those for whom you will pray. Thank you for your kind consideration in this matter and please contact me if you have any questions in this regard.

Phillip Smith



# **OUR NEEDS**

#### PRAYER

WE LOVE OUR CHURCH. We love all of the relationships we have in our church. We are thankful for all of the ways we are served by our church. And we recognize that we are moving ourselves out on an island, literally and figuratively. We know that we are utterly dependent on God for all things and we desire to serve Him faithfully in this endeavor. We ask that you pray. **Pray for our family, our marriage, our faith, our holiness, our discipline, and the people we will be serving.** 

#### FINANCIAL SUPPORT

WHEN WE THINK ABOUT ASKING a church or individual to help financially, we take it very seriously. We believe that you are becoming fellow workers in the ministry the Lord allows us to do (3 John 7–8). Specifically, our needs for money are in two categories; monthly support and onetime fund. Currently our monthly support needed is \$6,331. And our one-time fund need is \$27,756.

# **OUR DESIRED EVENT-LINE**

#### 2022

- Begin partnership development with churches and establish stateside support amount, current through June.
- Last day of work for current employer will be May 31.
- Training with Finisterre Vision, and partnership development in Arizona summer/fall.
- Ordination in the early fall.

#### 2023

- Send shipping container to PNG January-February.
- Complete all support raising and final training early 2023.
- Twombly family moves to Madang in the middle to late 2023.



### Bryan and Kerra Twombly

Sent by Community Baptist Church - Stuart, FL Laboring to see the church established in Papua New Guinea.

### **OUR CORE CONVICTIONS**

- A HIGH VIEW OF GOD
- A COMMITMENT TO THE SUFFICIENCY AND AUTHORITY OF SCRIPTURE
- A BIBLICAL VIEW OF MAN
- A BIBLICAL PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH
- A BIBLICAL VIEW OF CHURCH LEADERSHIP

THE MISSIONS EMPHASIS OF COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH is to see biblically faithful, self-reproducing churches planted. The ministry of missions is discipleship: to see the Gospel of Jesus Christ preached, the increase given by the Lord and the training of faithful men to reproduce the work in local churches. We believe that **biblical missions is church-centered missions**. With the goal to train men who will faithfully shepherd the flock of God and to train others to do likewise.

WE PROCLAIM HIM, ADMONISHING EVERY MAN AND TEACHING EVERY MAN WITH ALL WISDOM, SO THAT WE MAY PRESENT EVERY MAN COMPLETE IN CHRIST.

**COLOSSIANS 1:28**