

# THE PAPUA NEW GUINEA PRAYER MOVEMENT

## *A Brief History*

The Prayer Movement began as an effort to raise the awareness to pray for the Bougainville Crisis and from there really turned into a network of praying people around Papua New Guinea. The Prayer movement was coordinated through the National Prayer Centre for the first 13 years. It gained momentum during “Operation Brukim Skru” and progressed until early 2005 when much of the prayer network scattered for a time. This network began to reconnect again in 2007 with the emerging National Community Transformation Network.

The following is a brief historical summary;

*1993* **The National Prayer Centre** is established at Rugli in the Western Highlands Province.

*1995* The first **National Prayer Assembly** was held in at Rugli. The beginning of coordinating the Marches for Jesus, The AD2000 Prayer Track and the 30 Days Muslim Prayer Focus in the nation.

*1996* The first **Strategic Intercession Summit** was held. A special prayer mission to Bougainville at Panguna mine took place. In October, The “**Operation Brukim Skru**” (**OBS**) initiative began for the 1997 National Elections.

*1997* **OBS** prayer for the elections and the new Government went until August when the new Government was formed with 1.5 million people praying. In September **The Reconciliation Process** began in Bougainville at the Intercession Seminar at Saposa.

*1999* 5 **Bundun Meetings** were held at Bundun with Church and Prayer Leaders which gave birth to “**Operation Prea Banis**” and “**Operation Joshua**”. Operation Prayer Banis was initiated with the Kumul 1 with intercessors flying along the border with Indonesia, MAF plane with Intercessors flying over the high places, HMPNG Dregger defense patrol boat with intercessors circumnavigate the nation from Daru all the way around to Vanimo. Many praying people drove along the highways praying and ended up in Lae for a large prayer gathering on Eriku Oval.

*2000* **National Spiritual Mapping Consultation** was held in Madang and the first **National Gatekeepers Conference** held in Lae for church, government and community leaders.





*2001* **“Operation Joshua”** training begins in Raluana in East New Britain and spreads out around the nation with thirteen trainings across the country. “Operation Joshua” was an initiative to raise up and equip 50,000 young people to walk through the whole nation taking it back from the enemy (Joshua 1:3). “Operation Joshua” went to Telefomin and that is where the first wide spread transformation began. Operation Joshua continues today to help whole communities come through repentance, reconciliation and the process of transformation. There are around 200 communities around Papua New Guinea that are in some stage of this process. Along with this many prayer seminars and intercession summits have been held places around the nation.

*2003* The work of **“Operation Joshua”** and transformation began to spread like wild fire through East and Central Sepik.

*2007* On March 26th **The Papua New Guinea National Community Transformation Network**, was registered with IPA to provide covering for Operation Joshua and other aspects of transformation. PNG NCTN was started by those who were involved in the prayer movement at its beginning in the early 90’s. God was adding the new focus of transformation to the prayer movement but it had no agency to carry it. NCTN was given birth to by those with more than fifteen years of experience in discovering by the Holy Spirit’s leading and learning from the worldwide prayer movement these truths that have helped to set communities free. It is an interdenominational organisation, and not only do its workers come from various denominations, but they seek to work together with the Body of Christ. The year 2007 was also the year Prime Minister Sir Michael Somare signed a covenant with the God of Israel. There was also held a third Operation Brukim Skru.

*2010* **The whole nation is called to repentance** on September 18, as a result of many years of prayer and the understanding of the consequences of the covenant. Morobe Province signs a covenant with the God of Israel.

*2011* **The National Day of Repentance** was established as we met with the Acting Prime Minister Sam Abal and it was gazetted as a National Public Holiday on August 26 every year. We continue to coordinate the National Day of Repentance annually.

*2012* A team of 40 intercessors went to the **World Prayer Assembly** held in Jakarta where 10, 000 delegates from 86 nations came together, it was the second global gathering since 1984. There we began to focus on the next generation and what was called the 4/14 window which the UPRising movement came out of. We coordinated Operation Brukim Skru which was



launched from Parliament House and it was a joint effort together with the PNG Electoral Commission.

*2013* **Gideons Army** was held in January with almost 300 intercessors from around the nation came together at Aiyura. **The Papua New Guinea Indigenous Prayer Network** was given birth to. This came about to empower the often overlooked and marginalised original people of the land, mostly in towns and cities around the nation to rise up with their God given authority and take their place and the Motu Koitabu Indigenous Prayer Network was established.

*2014* In 2014, Children's Prayer Assemblies were held in Aiyura and Simbu Province. Also, although National Day of Repentance services were usually held in front of Parliament House each year, **in 2014 there was repentance by Members of Parliament** on the floor of Parliament itself, as all government business was deferred to the next day.

*2015* **The National Day of Repentance: Tear Down the Idols** - In keeping with the former Speaker of Parliament's initiative to cleanse Parliament House, our focus for the National Day of Repentance was to Tear Down the Idols, which still can be found in many parts of our society. Many communities around the country had public burning of the idolatrous objects on the day. That year there was a collection of aliyah offering which totaled K67,000.00 to the Jewish Agency for Israel. In 2015 there was also the **Walauta Maprik Sepik Regional Prayer Conference**

*2016* We Held the 2nd **National Prayer Conference** at Rugli. Our focus for the National Day of Repentance was repentance for breaking the 10 Commandments.

*2017* Again we organised and coordinated **"Operation Brukim Skru" 5** for the National Elections.

*2018* In March, the **APEC Prayer Initiative** was set in motion for the November 2018 APEC Summit and the Prayer Book was released. In July we held the **First UPRising** at Lae City Gate Tabernacle, the APEC Prayer Initiative and the **Operation Prea Banis II** joint exercise with the Papua New Guinea Defense Force to seal the nation by sea as well as to seal the city of Port Moresby and all APEC Venues as well as provide 24/7 prayer cover for the Summit.

*2019* In July, the 2nd annual **UPRising PNG 2019** youth prayer conference occurred in Lae at Lae City Gate Tabernacle. The focus of the event was 2 Chronicles 7:14.