



Shawn and Bethany Waugh

ID: 19598 Country: [Papua New Guinea](#) Region: Oceania

Biography

Bethany: I grew up as a missionary kid in Papua New Guinea, arriving right after my third birthday. When I was 11, my family moved back to the United States to stay. But God had already used that time in PNG to open my eyes to the huge need for missionaries to share God's love with people in PNG and around the world who do not have any other way of hearing about Him. Shawn and I met while attending Circleville Bible College (now Ohio Christian University), where I earned a degree in business.

As a missionary in PNG, I am the field treasurer for the mission, working each month to supply the missionaries with administrative support so they can perform their ministries. I also homeschool our three children and support the Bible college in PNG by doing maintenance and various other projects.

Shawn: I grew up in southeastern Ohio in a non-Christian home. Following high school, I joined the Marine Corps, returning to Ohio after my service. A friend who was aware of my love for sports told me about a church softball league. Through sports evangelism, I began attending church and came to know Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. After I became a Christian, God spoke to me about teaching His people. Through prayer and guidance, I was led to attend Circleville Bible College (now Ohio Christian University), where I completed two degrees, one in Christian Education and one in Intercultural Studies. Bethany and I were married on June 4, 2005, and commissioned as missionaries in 2006. We have three children: Abigail (Abby), James, and Josiah.

In PNG, I am involved in evangelism, discipleship, and working with the national church, but my main role is as director of Christian Union Bible College. At CUBC, we provide training for men and women who desire to work in full-time ministry or to minister as lay people. When students arrive at the Bible college, some of them do not even know how to read or write. Once they have mastered those skills, they are taught Bible study skills, preaching, theology, and some vocational skills. As the director, I am tasked with being the administrator, teaching classes, writing curriculum, purchasing books, serving as the nurse, purchasing food and supplies, handling IT, doing maintenance, serving as the project manager, and assisting with anything else that needs to be done for the college.