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### **Devastating Landslide in Papua New Guinea - Call for Prayers**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with a heavy heart that I write to you today following the catastrophic landslide that has devastated the remote villages in the Enga Province of Papua New Guinea. This tragedy, which struck the six villages in the Maip Mulitaka area early last Friday morning while most were asleep, has resulted in a significant loss of life, with many people still unaccounted for.

As we gather in prayer, we bring before you the grim reality:

- Approximately 4000 people called these villages home.
- 140 houses have been buried under the rubble.
- An estimated 2000 individuals are believed to be trapped beneath the debris.
- Nearly 670 lives have been lost.

The rugged terrain of these remote parts makes rescue efforts and aid delivery extremely challenging. Despite these difficulties, local villagers are doing their utmost to find and save survivors, though their chances diminish with each passing hour.

In this time of profound grief and urgent need, we call upon all churches to join in fervent prayer and compassionate action. We implore the community of faith to respond to this tragedy with an outpouring of prayer, compassion, and support. Let us stand together in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Papua New Guinea.

Yours in God's Mission,



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