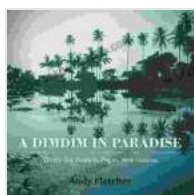


# Thirty-Six Years in Papua New Guinea: A Retrospective on My Life as a Teacher, Missionary, and Advocate

I first arrived in Papua New Guinea in 1984 as a young teacher. I had just graduated from college and was eager to make a difference in the world. I was assigned to a remote village in the Highlands, where I taught English and math to primary school students.



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The experience was both challenging and rewarding. The students were eager to learn, but they often lacked the resources they needed to succeed. I also had to adjust to a new culture and way of life. But through it all, I was supported by the local community and my fellow teachers.

After a few years, I left teaching to become a missionary. I worked with a local church to provide food, clothing, and shelter to the poor and needy. I also worked to promote education and healthcare in the community.

My experiences as a missionary opened my eyes to the social injustices that existed in Papua New Guinea. I saw firsthand how poverty, disease, and violence affected the lives of ordinary people. I also saw how the government was often unable or unwilling to address these problems.

In response, I became an advocate for social justice. I worked with local organizations to promote human rights, environmental protection, and economic development. I also spoke out against corruption and injustice.

My work as an advocate has not always been easy. I have faced threats and intimidation from those who oppose my views. But I have also seen firsthand the power of ordinary people to make a difference.

I have now lived in Papua New Guinea for over 36 years. I have seen the country change dramatically over that time. But one thing has remained constant: the resilience and spirit of the Papua New Guinean people.

I am grateful for the opportunity to have lived and worked in Papua New Guinea. I have learned so much from the people of this country. I have also been inspired by their courage and determination.

I believe that Papua New Guinea has a bright future. The country has abundant natural resources and a talented and hardworking population. But the country also faces many challenges, including poverty, inequality, and corruption.

I am confident that Papua New Guinea can overcome these challenges and build a better future for all its citizens. I am committed to continuing to work with the people of this country to make that happen.

## **Here are some of the highlights of my time in Papua New Guinea:**

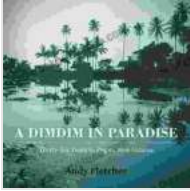
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**I have also learned a lot about myself during my time in Papua New Guinea. I have learned that I am more resilient than I thought I was. I have also learned that I am capable of making a difference in the world.**

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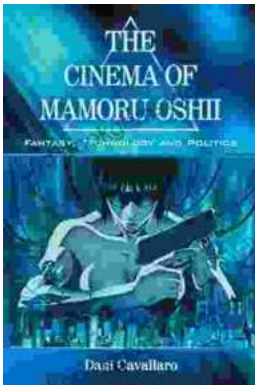
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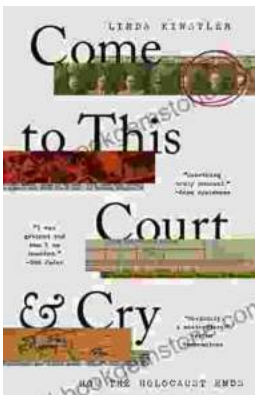
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