



CO-PILOT



GAP YEAR PLACEMENTS

MAF'S GAP YEAR EXPERIENCE
IS A FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY
TO EXPLORE DIFFERENT
CAREERS ON THE MISSION
FIELD WHILE ENROLLED AT
COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY



WHAT YOU'LL EXPERIENCE!

- The opportunity to travel the world and experience different cultures, traditions, food, hospitality and love from some of the world's most isolated communities
- The chance to use your skills and talents on specialist projects
- The prospect of developing career interest and enhancing your CV
- A fun and interactive experience in a community of like-minded people
- A chance to see the huge impact your skills and MAF could make to the people you'll serve
- The benefit of excellent MAF training and support
- Explore whether God is calling you into longer term Christian mission work.

papua new guinea



the country

Population: 6.9 million

Languages: 832 (more than anywhere else in the world!)

Environment: Huge mountain ranges, dense rainforests and hills. Extremely challenging flying conditions.



the need

85% of the population live in rural areas and depend on farming for their livelihood

60% cannot access clean water

45% of Papua New Guinea's (PNG) children are severely malnourished.



MAF'S IMPACT

In 1951, PNG became one of MAF's first programmes. It soon grew to become our largest. The huge challenge of people living in isolation, the lack of paved roads and PNG's inhospitable terrain made it a perfect fit for MAF's God-given vision: to bring help, hope and healing to the world's most isolated communities.

- MAF has enabled the provision of healthcare, medicine, technology, education and Bible translation in many tribal areas
- Last year, our aircraft carried 31,951 passengers and performed 230 medical evacuation flights
- MAF is the only way to access hundreds of tiny, hidden and hard-to-reach villages.



WHAT ROLE SUITS YOU?

MAF aims to provide a tailored experience based around the skills you possess.

If you have a specific skill, or a whole mix of the skills and interests below, our PNG programme will try to create a volunteer role that will help utilise your skill set, while developing professional skills and talents in areas you wish to pursue.



BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Assisting and supporting the office's day-to-day operations. **Skills needed:** Attention to detail. Ability to work well with others, as well as alone. Good customer service. Ability to follow administrative processes and procedures.



HUMAN RESOURCES

HR is responsible for the recruitment, training and welfare of our PNG staff.

Skills needed: To be a good role model. Excellent communication skills. Sensitivity and understanding. Good organisational skills. Cultural awareness. An interest in recruitment in a mission setting. To operate confidentially and within a legal framework.



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)

Assisting the IT team with training, giving advice, and working on IT projects.

Skills needed: Problem solving. Good organisational and communication skills. Interested in information technology and all things digital.



VIDEOGRAPHY AND EDITING

Working with the communications team to create, gather and edit stories, pictures and information to share with MAF staff, partners and supporters. **Skills needed:** Creativity. Attention to detail. Ability to work well with others. An interest in writing, communicating and editing stories.



CONSTRUCTION

Assisting with a variety of tasks such as maintenance, building projects and construction. **Skills needed:** A keen interest in construction. Ability to work well with your hands. Good team worker. Good fitness level. Awareness of health and safety.



VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

Lots of love and care are needed to look after MAF vehicles and machinery, along with general maintenance and repairs.

Skills needed: An enthusiasm for motor vehicle engineering. Good problem-solving skills and hand to eye co-ordination. Attention to detail.



HOSPITALITY + SUPPORT ROLES

Providing a friendly welcome and hosting or co-ordinating staff housing, airport pickups, shopping, etc. **Skills needed:** Excellent communication skills. Good organisational skills. Ability to work with a team, as well as alone. Cultural awareness.



WHAT DO I NEED TO VOLUNTEER?

- ✓ Aged 18+
- ✓ To be studying at a university or college and interested in taking a gap year as part of your course. (A condition of the PNG training visa)
- ✓ Contemplating a career in mission
- ✓ A strong desire to experience life in an overseas mission environment
- ✓ Support from your home church
- ✓ To be able to part fund your placement, eg costs for internal flights, visa, daily living costs, etc
- ✓ Attend a one-day security course organised by MAF
- ✓ Visa approval from PNG upon application
- ✓ To be able to work in PNG for 6-12 months
- ✓ Medical and psychological clearance



how much will it cost?

YOU WILL PAY

- Vaccinations and medical insurance
- Internal PNG flights
- PNG visa
- Daily living costs covering meals, soft drinks, fruit, etc
- Any additional insurance needed

MAF UK WILL PAY

- Return flights to PNG
- Emergency, evacuation and travel insurance
- 1-day security training
- Medical assessment and debrief at the end of your placement

MAF PNG WILL PAY

- Basic shared accommodation and transport during your placement
- Public liability insurance cover

do i need experience?

You will need to have a keen interest in the area for which you're applying.

Experience, either through your school, college, university or work place, is a big advantage.



Scan the QR code or email **copilot@maf-uk.org** for

more information, request an application form or to ask how to start gathering relevant work experience before applying.



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