

Ryan and Siobhain Cole in Papua New Guinea



The Cole Communiqué

Dear friends & supporters,

Getting fuel drums to our home base of Telefomin and other remote MAF bases remains expensive and challenging, but our management team is working hard to make sure MAF planes have the fuel they need to keep serving the poor and isolated. Unfortunately, in early September, two of our fleet of 9 C208 Caravans were found to have cracks in key areas, so they were grounded for over a week whilst they were repaired. This left Ryan on the ground for a couple of days, but the safety of our aircraft is not something MAF compromises on, which we are really thankful for!



Wanikipa to Tari Medical Evacuation (Medevac)

Ryan frequently acts as an ambulance, taking very sick people from their bush village to the closest hospital.

To travel from Wanikipa (pic above, left) to the hospital in Tari (pic above, right) would take several days walking through bush trails as there is no road. This young man had been sick with suspected Typhoid for a long time, he was emaciated and delirious and may not have survived being carried over bush trails for days.

The flight took only 20 mins.

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**Thank you for your support and friendship
which helps us to save lives and bring hope!**

Ryan + Shiv

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We are thankful...

- For **safe flying** during recent, stressful months.
- That Shiv managed to get her **Operations Manual written** and submitted before we left!
- For the opportunity to **give re-usable sanitary kits** to the girls at the local high school.
- For pilots who are willing to be away from their families to **keep the flying going in Telefomin** whilst we're away.

Please pray...

- For our **health**, particularly as we will be enjoying winter months in Canada & the UK.
- That our dog, Koda, would remain safe & healthy and **not escape** from his MAF compound.
- For the fuel situation, that MAF would be able to find a **reliable in-country fuel drum provider.**



Wanikipa Agent with Medevac patient



Gifts for babies

It's very difficult to get any baby clothes when you live in the bush. Some kind people from St Margaret's Church posted us a package of baby clothes which Nurse Rhema, who runs the vaccine clinic, will distribute.



Helping & blessing High School Girls.

I (Shiv) was able to take more Reusable Sanitary Kits to the local high school and give more Menstrual Health workshops to both grades 9 & 10 at the start of Sept. The girls and their teachers were so grateful for this gift. I've already got a friend providing more kits for the new grade 9 girls who will start high school in February 2025.

It is so exciting to encourage these young women and know that we're helping them to NOT miss school each month.

But my favourite part is praying for them and their futures!



Female pilot encourages

We have 3 female pilots flying in PNG. Recently Capt Bridget came out to Telefomin to fly ladies to a Women's Church Conference. They were so encouraged to have a female pilot fly them, as PNG village culture is very male-dominated.

Hoping to see you whilst we're in the UK...

We just arrived in Canada mid-October, in time for the first snow. We travel to the UK in early December before starting our long journey back to PNG in mid-January. We hope to see as many of you as possible, however, this is often challenging, especially during the busy Christmas period, so if you are able to come and visit us at Ruislip Baptist Church, it would be really great for us to be able to connect with as many people as possible!

Ruislip Baptist Church, 122 Manor Way, Ruislip, HA4 8HR

Sunday 5 January 2025 - Service starts at 10.30am

Shiv will be preaching and tea & coffee will be served afterwards. RuislipBaptistChurch.org



Koda's Operation

Koda got neutered in Aug. The initial operation went well, but when flying back to Mt Hagen, Koda burst his internal sutures and needed a 2nd surgery. We were very worried about him, but thankfully he recovered.

We've just had a 2 week Camper holiday, touring around New Zealand and visiting some MAF friends there.

We're so grateful for a really fun time seeing some incredible scenery and having a bit of a rest.

Hoping to see you soon!

