

Opening

Tales of a Missionary by David & Caroline Moore

Welcome to our Jan-Mar Newsletter 2025

Thank you for signing up to receive these, for your prayers and to those of you who are giving financial support. We are so grateful to have you on our team as we serve in PNG.



Official Opening

The last few months have been crazy busy as we worked towards the official opening of the new housing and Transit/Conference building which has become known as 'The Wing' due to our delta wing roof design, which makes optimal use of the available space.

After over 2 years since we started the demolition of the old house 4 and house 8 followed by installing the specialist sewage systems, and new Electrical infrastructure we and the contractors have finally finished the Kagamuga Future



Footprint Phase 1a. With the addition of 6 new two bedroom town houses and the new Conference/Transit Building.

Week commencing the 17th February we were privileged to host David Fyock, (MAF International's CEO), in the new building and for him to officially open the facility during his most recent Asia Pacific tour of the MAF Programmes.

The 6 new 2 bedrooms houses will soon be occupied by the first couples and as I write the transit and conference facility, now known as 'The Wing' is already proving popular with other missionaries passing through Hagen and is currently hosting a number of our's and NTM's teenagers visiting Hagen on their own mission trip to support the orphanage close to MAF.

Picture above shows Dave opening the official opening ceremony in the conference room of the new facility, welcoming over 120 staff many for their first tour of the new building and housing.

At the same time Dave and the Facilities team are finishing off the landscaping, electric gates and new parking areas for these buildings.



Above shows the new driveway and parking being completed by Dave & the Team using a system of Geogrid similar to used on our rural airstrips which will allow the car parking bays to all grass over in the coming months and so help soften the impact of the necessary parking.

On the Move

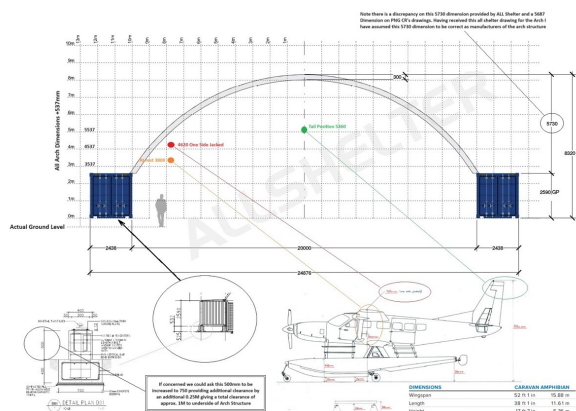
Caroline and I have been busy most recently with a trip to Goroka and will shortly be heading to Port Moresby for the second time this year for completion of some much needed dental work. We never tire of seeing this beautiful country from the air as we travel about together or with the team on the fleet of Cessna Caravans

Bougainville is Underway

Do you remember last February that I (Dave) visited Bougainville as part of small team to evaluate the needs and possibility of setting up a new programme there.

Well after a proposal was submitted to the MAFI Board in the middle of last year the vision to start this new programme has moved forward significantly with us now receiving the go ahead from both the MAFI board as well as significant support from the Bougainville Government.

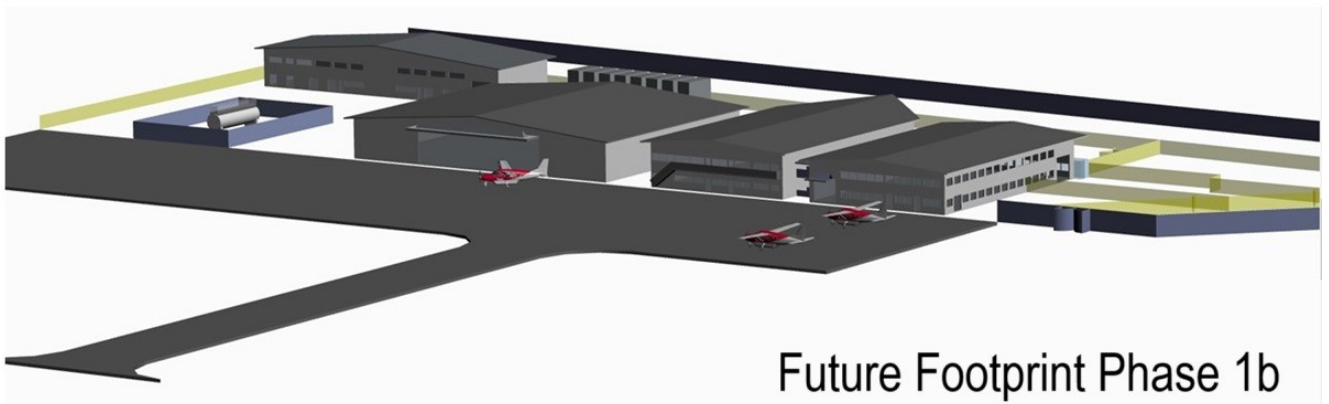
As a result a small team has been formed to spend time setting up the project and looking for key players such as a programme leader, a pilot and an engineer as well as some MAF Technologies team who will be supported by the main programme in PNG



In the meantime I have been supporting this new projects team with the development of drawings for a new hangar and passenger facility at Buka airport on land which many years ago used to belong to MAF and is in the process of being given back to us by the AROB (Autonomous Region of Bougainville) Government with the full support of the PNG NAC (National Airports Corporation).

This new facility will be based on those we have designed and created over the last few years in both Balimo, in conjunction with SDP, (Social Development Programme) and also in Kiunga working with the NAC as they wished to move our old facility and so actually created a new facility for us,

Remember This ?



With the recent Completion of the MAFI in PNG Future Footprint Phase 1a for the housing and conference facility, God yet again shows his enormous grace and provision for the programmes as in late January we finally recieved and signed a 5 year development lease with the NAC (National Airports Corporation) here in PNG for the next stage of the Future Footprint Project (Phase 1b).

This lease provides MAFI 5 years to develop designs, raise funding and look to deliver the longed for specially designed and purpose built facility at Kagamuga airport Mount Hagen to enable MAFI to continue to operate in PNG for the next 40-50 years.

With Dave having been involved from the original concept right through to the exchange of the signed lease recently in POM (Port Moresby), he is now working on the next stage of the project with an organisation called EMI (Engineering Ministires International) who will fully develop the concept designs and support MAFI as it looks to move to funding and building phases over the next few years.

EMI have supported a number of other MAFI Programmes over the last 20 years along with many other mission organisations and specialise in this type of development and indeed are also currently involved with SDP one of our major partners in PNG operating in the Western Province.

There are currently conversations ongoing between Dave and the programme as to how and if he might be able to remain involved in this next exciting phase of the development of the MAFI programme in PNG, for which we would value prayers as we also look to move back home to be with family in the UK.

Our Return to the UK

We have our tickets to return to the UK mid July. We would ask you to kindly if at all possible to continue supporting us for our 3 month resettlement period through until the end of September.

Please reply to this newsletter or contact us if you want to meet up when we are back or would like us to speak at your church.

Praise & Prayer

Praise God For:

- The opening ceremony for the Wing conference facility was a great worship celebration of the goodness of God
- The fuel crisis has settled down a bit but is not solved, as other fuel suppliers negotiate with the government
- The NAC development lease has been granted to MAFI for the 'green field site' new office and hanger facility
- Having just received confirmation of availability of funding for three replacement vehicles which have been overdue for almost 2 years.
- Having sufficient funding left in the Kagamuga project to order the large solar system for the new Wing building, partly due to favorable exchange rates and close management of the budget over the last two years.

Please pray for:

- Us as we plan to relocate to the UK, packing up and selling things, shipping others
- Discussions between Dave and MAFI about future employment
- Safe and trouble free travel
- Our return transition period and resettling in our home culture while grieving the losses of our host culture (and our dog!)

Thank you

- Your giving and prayers are so appreciated, and thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter.