

# Endings and Beginnings

Tales of a Missionary by David & Caroline Moore

Welcome to our April-June 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.

## Caroline celebrates 60 in PNG



The first event to take place in the new building's main conference room was the Celebration of Caroline's 60th Birthday Party, including some funny stories, great food (thanks Shri), embarrassing photos, lots of worship and the presentation of a new Bass guitar made from PNG Rosewood left over from the stairs in the new block of houses, made in their spare time by Dave and his Carpenters, Simon Konge and Felix Kenny.

## Welcoming a new Plane



King Charles meets MAFI-PNG's National Pilot Joseph Tua and Sarah Michael from our flights bookings team

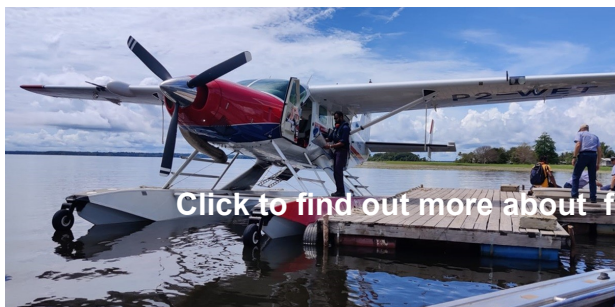
**You may have seen coverage in the papers and media of the King Charles dedicating a MAF Plane and meeting Pilot Joseph, Sarah from booking and Dom our country director, in the UK. After some modifications P2 AFD arrived in PNG last week. Mount Hagen airport at Kagamuga welcomes a new plane with a fire-brigade water-canon baptism, see banner photo. Then the team gathers around to pray and dedicate her to her new life bringing help, hope and healing to the remote peoples of PNG. For us it was also the completion of a full circle, with a similar event kick starting our time here, and now we are leaving in a few weeks.**

## MAF Ladies retreat in the wing

MAF's female staff in PNG had our annual weekend retreat in our new facility. We had a great time of fellowship, fun, worship and teaching by Joseph Tua's mum, (3rd from the left in front) who was herself a MAF pilot's wife and lived for a time at this same Kagamuga compound.

For Caroline's special birthday, we had an adventure in the float plane to Lake Murray. The largest lake in PNG, located in Middle Fly district of Western Province, Lake Murray covers approx 647 sq km which increases five times in the wet season.

Born by the sea, Caroline misses water and sunsets, living in the clouded mountains of the highlands. It was special to go with Volker and Chad our training pilots to a completely different terrain, the impenetrable flat swampy jungle and hundreds of inlets and isolated islands, with maybe PNG's most isolated peoples.



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## God Wastes Nothing

### Kompam Hospital



Kompam Hospital with the Bush Airstrip visible in the top left hand corner

Amazingly back in 1986 during my (Dave's) apprenticeship I spent 6 months working in Hamworthy Engineering's combustion division, learning how to set up gas burners and combustion chambers. Never did I imagine that in 2022, I would use this experience in PNG, and again in 2025 before we head home.

Some of you may remember, in November 2022, Simeon (my plumbing supervisor) and I were asked to assist Kompam hospital setting up their new waste incinerator. A couple of weeks ago as we were planning our final round of works before leaving, we received a request from Dr Rebecca to head back out and assist with servicing the unit and training some new staff.



Steam is emitted from the Incinerator during its initial runs and with no Natural gas or sufficient Electrical Power in PNG the system relies on LPG bottles

Kompam is where we did our Tok Pisin language learning, back in 2019. Several times we returned to assist with various maintenance support teams. It will be a pleasure and a form of closure for us as Caroline and I head back next week to catch-up and say good bye to friends, leaving them in a stronger position to continue to operate into the future, and allowing MAF to serve its partners beyond our planes and pilots.

## Kudjip Hospital

Back in 2023 a pilot family decided to sell a 3d printer they had bought but never used, so I purchased it, thinking it would be fun to build & play with. Well life has been so busy here it actually spent the last two years with me also sat in the same box it arrived in and again never got as far as being put together. However at the beginning of this year I received a panic message on our PNG Missionary Maintenance managers chat group from our friends at Kudjip hospital something like this



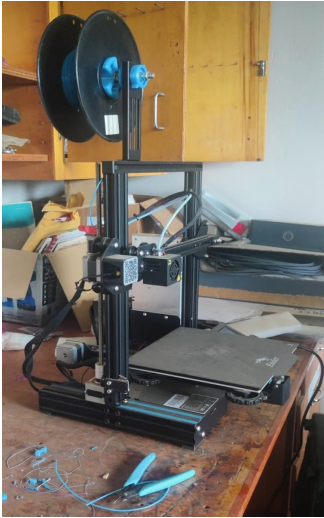
*"Hey our Hydro power unit just died, any one know where we might be able to get a coupling or a 3d printer to make a replacement we have been told 12-14 weeks by the supplier"*

Kudjip Hospitals Hydro plant which has been providing power to the hospital for just over 15 years. The failed coupling sits in the middle of the hydraulic pack to the right. where the small red arrow is

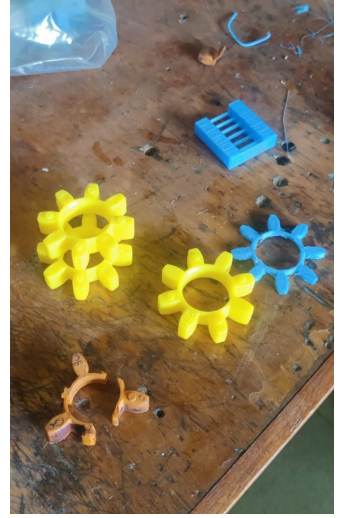
Well just 45 minutes later (not bad for a 50 minute journey on PNG roads) Jordan arrived in Hagen and we headed back to the house to collect the 'still boxed' 3d printer with the proviso that I didn't even know if it was all there, which of the 3 materials I had would be suitable or actually even how to build the unit.

Amazingly just 10 hours later I received a message saying it was up and running and the first prototype parts were already being produced. In fact it took around 6 prototypes in the end to get the right material and density of build but within 18 hours Kudjip's Hydro was back up and operational, and an offer made to buy the printer from me.





Last month I had the pleasure of getting back down to Kudjip myself and seeing the printer all set up and also carrying out some other part build work for a medical machine on site. The remains of the original coupling can be seen in the bottom of the right hand image along with an early blue and yellow prototypes and a block of blue material set up to test material densities and feed rates, with the first trial ones disintegrating themselves after just a few hours, but eventually they managed to produce one that ran for 5 weeks until the actual part arrived.



## Back to provide more help



Leigh MacRae popped back to PNG in April, after his family's return to New Zealand last year, to provide some much needed fixed electrical testing and training for Sylvester and Robin. It was such a pleasure to have him back with the team for a week and I was presented by him with an all blacks flag which is busy being signed by the team ready to be hung in my workshop when I get home with a copy of this picture. It is amazing as I look back just how far we have come in the last 6 years, just how much work we have done, and how much the team has grown, and what great guys we have been developing within the Facilities team.

## Our Return to the UK

We will be coming to Oceans Community Church in Bude on Sunday 27 July and hope to see many of you there.

Please get in contact if you would like us to come to your Church, or meet with us in our resettlement period. We would ask you to kindly if at all possible to continue supporting us through until the end of September.

# Praise & Prayer

Praise God For:

- We have packed up our house and are shipping our belongings back to the UK. Sorted, sold and given away lots of stuff. It's amazing what you can accumulate in 6 years!
- Phoenix (our dog) will have new parents, Rene and Pascal, who will move into our house, so she will stay in familiar surroundings.
- We hosted a team from the charity EMI, who are doing the structural engineering and design for the new office/hanger greenfield sight.
- Having been able to support other misisions such as Kudjip, Kompaim, NTM and others.

Please pray for:

- We really need to sell the car we bought here in PNG with a MAF loan that we need to pay back. We bought when prices were high as the import duty used to be 100% and cars were difficult to come by. However recently the import duty has been slashed and many cars are being imported from Japan. Also we have had a spate of missionaries leaving PNG and selling up, with less people coming in to buy. PLEASE PRAY THAT THE CAR SELLS WITH PAPERWORK COMPLETED BEFORE WE LEAVE, FOR ENOUGH TO CLEAR OUR DEBT.
- The possibilities of Dave continuing to be involved in the Greenfield site didn't work out, due to financial reasons, so we will be looking for work upon completion of our resettlement period, from October. Please pray for the right opportunity to arise.
- Family Health and close relationships re-established after our long absence. Also for friends to walk alongside us and help us to re-adjust.
- Safe and trouble free travel, with suitcases and shipping arriving as planned.
- 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.

We pray that you will be blessed as you join us on our PNG adventure, as part of our team. We couldn't do this without you!