



A MAF Float plane arrives back in PNG after an absence of almost 40 years getting ready to expand our service of Western Province

## Building for the Future

Tales of a Missionary by David & Caroline Moore

Welcome to our April-May Newsletter 2024

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.

**“Many Christians hear stories of God at work and think he could never use them that way because they aren't super-Christians. The truth is, there are no super-Christians. There are only normal people who have said yes to God.” Darren Wilson - God Adventures.**

## Kagamuga Compound Building

Building works continue apace on the new Housing part of works at the Kagamuga compound. With the completion of all framework and roofing and with the internal fitout now underway with electrics and plumbing. In conjunction with the Contractors our own team continues to work away on the installation of the Solar system having just commissioned the second batch of systems on the existing housing and about to start the installation on the new housing itself.



The Motel building is finally out of the ground with the foundations being completed as we write and with all of the framework modules now prebuilt and due to be assembled over the coming weeks ready to transform this part of the project into a building ready for the plumbers and electricians. Completion is now due in November because of the foundation delays. It will be exciting to finally have a transit facility. We have also just advertised the Motel Manager's post if you know anyone who may be interested in serving the many hundreds of missionaries, International MAF staff, pilots, funders and families that pass through Mount Hagen every year.

# Float Plane Arrives



As we write at the end of May P2 WET has just arrived in Papua New Guinea, seen here landing on Lake Murray.

This will be the first time MAF have had a float plane operating in PMG in over 40 years and we are just in the process of launching the service into the Western Province to further compliment our works there in conjunction with SDP allowing us to serve many further communities along the fly river and Lake Murray providing much needed healthcare and medical evacuations.

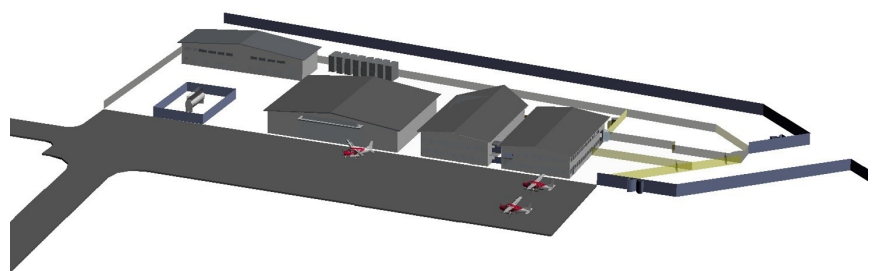
As you will see below the current extremes for this year's wet season in the Western Province make the timing of this arrival even more important. However please pray for the remaining infrastructure and staff appointments and especially for the appointment of a float plane pilot in the coming weeks and months.

## NAC meetings

Back in late 2022 and early 2023 you may remember that part of our future footprint for MAFI here in PNG was not just new housing but also working towards the possibility of developing new facilities here in Hagen to provide state of the art facilities to match the fleet renewal programme and to allow us to continue to serve the remote peoples of PNG for the next 30-40 years or more.



**National  
Airports  
Corporation**  
PAPUA NEW GUINEA



Well after many changes in the NAC, (National airports Corporation), over the last 12 months due to the arrest and dismissal of the former Managing Director and a series of interim appointments due to the ongoing political unrest Dave finally flew down to Port Moresby this week as part of a team who have seemingly finally succeeded in moving this project forward with an agreement in principal for MAFI to lease and develop new plots of development land being appointed at the Western end of the Runway in Mount Hagen.

Hopefully more to follow in the coming months as the MAFI Board look to how to take the future of MAFI in PNG forward into the next 30-40 years



MAF pilot vehicle in Balimo on its daily route from the housing to the airstrip during the current extreme wet season in the Western Province

Or the tribal fighting that within days of the Landslides that lead to the death of almost a dozen people and destruction of possibly as many homes as in the landslides. The main Okuk Highway from Lae to Mount Hagen and onto Enga has had a resurgence of violence with 7 incidents last week including missionary organisations such as SIL (Wycliffe) robbed.

There has been lots of press across the globe regarding the recent tragic landslide in the Engan province in PNG, where 11 bodies have been recovered and possibly 163 people died. However some of the reports have been out of proportion from the actual happenings on the ground. The coverage of this one single incident has captured the imagination of the press when there are so many other daily occurrences within the country. For example the thousands displaced and cut off as a result of some of the worst flooding in the last few years in the western province, which is seeing huge increases in waterborne disease infections and resurgence of Dengue Fever.

## Praise & Prayer

Praise God For:

In March we got to take some time off and had a wonderful holiday in New Zealand. Corbus and family have arrived and are finishing their orientation and language training. Corbus will be Dave's deputy, much needed to share the load of around 150 maintenance requests a month on top of the strategic planning and projects.

Thankfully Nellis' contract has been extended for a few more months which we are hoping will cover most of the transit accommodation build at Kagamuga.

Dave had to have a tooth removed due to an abscess, praise God we were in POM at the time where there is a good dentist!

Please pray for:

PNG Government has just reconvened after months of suspension and the opposition proposed more votes of no confidence, then were absent from parliament causing suspension again. Please pray for tribal and Big Man issues to be put aside so that MP's can work together for the good of the Country and People of PNG. The fuel crisis rumbles on and off, please pray for a permanent solution. It would be nice to travel when we have tickets, without stress of several attempts and having to allow buffer days.

Please pray for more workers to come to the mission field. We have many vacancies and so many people leaving this year. We have goodbyes every couple of weeks for months, which is emotionally exhausting.

Please pray for health and safety for the whole team, and for us to have resilience and strength to finish our term well.

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