



**FRASER AND TRACY NORBURY**  
IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

We had the fun experience last weekend of being asked to share a short farewell message at our church in PNG. Both of us, Fraser and Tracy, separately opted for the same passage: Chapter 14 in the Gospel of Matthew when Jesus walks on the surface of the Lake of Galilee and helps his friend Peter to do the same.

It seems a very pertinent part of the Bible for us as we prepare to step out of the MAF team based in Mount Hagen and into the new MAF team in Buka, Bougainville. We're praying that the inevitable storms/challenges will give Jesus centre stage and that our faith will not be 'little'!

#### **Tracy writes:**

It's been a full-on couple of months since we last updated you; full of 'lasts', handover and packing. There are so many people and things we are sad to leave but we're also looking forward to joining the team that is setting up MAF Bougainville – so we have very mixed feelings!

Two farewell events were big highlights: Firstly, we had a farewell 'bung' (gathering) and 'mumu' (community underground BBQ) with our colleagues from MAF PNG. This involved a beautiful drive into the hills and a short but slippery hike to a BEAUTIFUL waterfall and river. The folks who live there are related to a MAF staff member, and they told us they had been wanting to share their 'hidden place' with outsiders for a long time. We were the first non-Papua New Guineans to ever set foot there! We spent a wonderful day splashing in the river, bombing into the deep pool at the bottom of the waterfall, and observing the mumu as it progressed. The whole community worked hard to heat up large stones from the river, prepare the food, wrap it in foil and banana leaves and place it on top of the hot stones in the mumu pit to cook. It was delicious! We were also given the privilege of naming the area where the mumu took place: it is now called 'Primrose Park' (after Rosie).



Primrose Park mumu: stones from the river are heated in a big fire and then put in the ground. Food is piled on top and left to slow-cook for an hour or two. Delicious!



Our second highlight was this past weekend when we farewelled our beloved 'bush house', also known as Mount Olive Fellowship Home (named after Oliver). Five other MAF families joined us and our friends, Pastor Samuel and Mary, for another delicious mumu and the chance to see what the place has to offer. We told the story of our friendship and how we feel the Lord gave us the vision to build a prayer community where Christian workers from PNG and abroad can work, rest and play together. Some folks hauled wood from the forest for the next phase of the building project; some supervised the kids playing in the waterfall; others worked with Mary to prepare food and learn the best way to mumu chicken. Five different nationalities were represented and our day together tasted like a little slice of heaven on earth!



My work role also had big highlights. Over the past several months, I had the pleasure of coaching the ten members of staff who deliver training during our induction week for new recruits. The theme of the week is 'Living Up To Our Calling' and covers safety/security, spiritual health, cultural literacy and general professionalism. It's been hugely satisfying to see these colleagues growing in confidence and skill as facilitators.

Finally, it's also been a time to de-clutter, put final dates in the diary with dear friends, and tidy up lots of loose ends. Now that this is done, we can focus on how much we're looking forward to coming to the UK for home assignment and potentially connecting with YOU!

### Home Assignment Diary Dates:

During our time in the UK we'll mostly be based in Romsey, Hampshire. As well as catching up with our supporters individually and in small groups, we'll also be speaking at the following churches:

- Waterside Gateway Church, Marchwood, Southampton: 22<sup>nd</sup> June
- Freedom Church Romsey: 29<sup>th</sup> June
- Church Of Our Saviour, Chelmer, Chelmsford: 6<sup>th</sup> July
- The Oasis/URC Church Centre, Chelmsford: 6<sup>th</sup> July
- The Beeches Church, Sutton: 13<sup>th</sup> July
- St Andrew's Church, Goldsworth Park, Woking: 20<sup>th</sup> July

We'll also be reprising our Norbs Abroad video night on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July at the Freedom Centre in Romsey.

Please get in touch for further details about any of the above as we would love to see you! If you're keen to connect but can't get to any of these dates just let us know so we can set up a phone/video call instead.



As we now turn our hearts towards the UK and our upcoming move to Bougainville, it's a great opportunity to look back and thank God for all He has done. We're so grateful for the way you've partnered with us financially and in prayer to enable us to serve with MAF in Mount Hagen for the past four years, bringing help, hope and healing to remote communities in PNG. Thank you for coming on this adventure with us! As we embark on a new start in Bougainville, we are in need of your support and encouragement more than ever.

**Rosie writes:**

I just felt so happy and I knew that we were leaving so I drew this. I feel like this is why we are going to Bougainville. My friend Lisa inspired me to draw this by showing me a song about moving.



**Oliver writes:**

A few weeks ago I got to use the flight simulator at work. It was the best thing that's ever happened to me. I did multiple tricks and flew under Sydney Harbour Bridge!

If you are a person who prays we'd love it if you could keep scrolling to our prayer update below. If you have any questions about anything we've written this month please feel free to get back to us at [team.norbury@hotmail.com](mailto:team.norbury@hotmail.com).

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Last time we asked you to pray for:

- **Tracy and Fraser** as they end their roles in PNG - praise God that Fraser's replacement, Patience, arrived in PNG just in time to have key parts of Fraser's role handed over to her
- **Oliver's new and old passports** are safe and sound, thank you Lord!
- **All of the practicalities** involved in moving to Bougainville - these are all done

This time we'd love it if you could pray for:

- **Our conversations with and presentations to supporters in the UK** - for wisdom and divine inspiration for both us and them
- **Our time reconnecting with friends and family** and our various non-urgent health appointments
- **Our boss in Bougainville, John Woodberry**, as he establishes the work of MAF there and deals with the challenges involved with pioneering this new project