



**Gude olgeta/Good day everyone!**

We're so glad we get to sit with you at our new dining table (see below) in our new home in this new MAF programme in Bougainville. Please feel free to join our family for a cuppa (cup of tea) and a chat about what's happened since we arrived here about four weeks ago.

### **Tracy writes:**

Back in our May update we shared a little bit about Jesus' invitation to his friend Peter to walk on water with Him. This time, it feels like what's in the front of my mind is Jesus' invitation to Peter to 'push out into deep water and let out your nets for a catch'. (Luke talks about this in chapter 5 of his gospel.)

Since arriving in Bougainville I've been SO tempted to settle for fishing in the shallows: my homesickness for Mount Hagen, a strong sense of loss relating to our lovely MAF family and friends there, and the realities of 'starting again' in a new location and community conspired to keep me focused on the 'small fry' instead of on God's purposes for me, my family and Bougainville. However, it now seems clear that accepting His invitation to 'launch out into the deep' (as an older translation of the bible puts it) is the only realistic way to get involved in His mission to show off His amazingness to folks here.

### **Things that are different:**

We have ceiling fans and air-conditioning – normally set to 28 degrees C! Fraser now knows how to fillet a mackerel as long as Rosie is tall, and Oliver knows how to skin it

The veranda of our house and the office from which we work both have excellent views of the Pacific Ocean

We eat lunch every weekday with the work crew who are renovating the MAF compound – so we're getting a good diet of rice, coconut, greens, tinned fish, tomatoes and pawpaw

We have family movie night every Tuesday with other folks from our compound and a local missionary family (so far the favourite screening has been 'The Princess Bride')

### **Things that are the same:**

We make French crepe-style pancakes for breakfast at the weekends

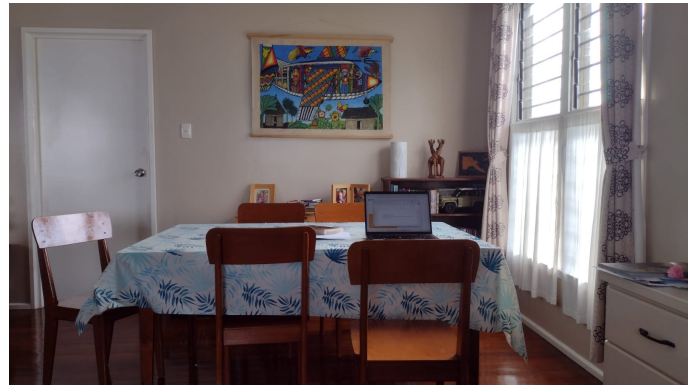
We buy fruit and vegetables at the market - although here the green beans are often 50cm long!

Our main hobbies are reading and DIY (although we also go for a swim about three times per week)

We start our workday with a short talk from the Bible and team prayer

We're continuing to homeschool Oliver and Rosie just as we did while we were in the UK on home assignment

We seem to be surrounded by lovely people!



*Our arrival at Buka airport and the view from our veranda*



*Meeting with Bishop Toroi of the United Church and his Health Services Team to plan out which remote clinics need MAF Technologies services first.*

In terms of work, Fraser and I have taken on a job-sharing role to support our boss, John, with setting up the new MAF programme in Bougainville. This means that Fraser supports the operations side of things (he'll tell you more about this) while I provide back-office support in areas like HR, admin and training. Meanwhile, we also share homeschooling: Fraser is the Maths and Science teacher and I teach English and Humanities (with the odd recorder/ukulele/cooking/IT lesson thrown in).

As every family knows, holding family life, work life and school life in balance is a fine art, but it seems to be going okay so far. We're helped by the fact that, since we're teaching the kids from our dining table and the MAF office is on the same compound as our house, the only commute we make is a ten-minute clamber down the cliff to the beach.

**Fraser writes:**

It feels great to be getting stuck in to more recognisable work than Home Assignment, as enjoyable as that was. John Woodberry has been incredibly busy getting everything started and I am still trying to work out how it all fits together, so this is a list of what he has achieved so far.

The main highlights from the programme operations are:

- The hangar build is fully funded and the contracts have been signed. Work is due to start soon and last about 6 months.
- Plans are progressing for pilots and engineers to tour through the programme as we get started with permanent staff based here after that. Nothing is confirmed yet but conversations are happening!
- Similarly with planes, conversations are happening for an interim solution before a permanent aircraft can be based in Bougainville.
- Our first technology project is underway, the installation of solar equipment in rural health centres. We are working with the local church to identify which locations will make the most impact.
- We are collaborating with the government works department to develop plans for re-instating airstrips which are in disrepair. This involves trucks, boats and treks to reach these isolated areas before our engineer and the government department survey the strip and make plans for the works that are needed.



**Rosie writes:**

Coral reefs, jagged peeks  
Fish that dwell in Ocean swell Birds that  
fly lazily by  
Flowers that grow, winds that blow  
The sun that shines on cloudless times  
**THAT'S BOUGAINVILLE**



**Oliver writes:**

When I am not reading the Percy Jackson books, I'm building a Lego Barad-Dur (black tower of evil from lord of the rings).  
This is my typical day: read, eat, school, eat, school, read, eat, read, sleep.

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).

We are so glad we had this chance to chat with you about our big move and how life has changed for us. We're looking forward to taking you along with us as MAF Bougainville grows in it's capacity to bring help, hope and healing to remote communities in Bougainville and to strengthen the church here. Thank you for your financial support, your prayers and your encouragement which is making all of this possible!

With love from Fraser, Tracy, Oliver and Rosie

Last time we asked you to pray for:

- **Our flights back** – all went well and we and our bags all arrived together, praise the Lord!
- **A smooth start** – your prayers for settled tummies and good sleep have been fulsomely answered, praise the Lord!
- **Positive first contacts** – we are so blessed to have met and got to know such lovely local and international people since we got here, praise the Lord!

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

- **Good connections with local church leaders** as we continue the process of building relationships and partnerships with them
- **Wisdom during the recruitment of new staff** – we hope to have 3 more confirmed staff members by the time our next update comes out
- **Perseverance and grace as we continue to acclimatise** to the challenging issues which caused Bougainvilleans to invite MAF to set up operations here