



SERVING WITH MAF IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Opening, Planning, Floating

It's been an interesting start to 2025 for us. Dom has continued in the role of interim-Country Director, Sequoia has returned back to work after our return from The Hostel @ Ukarumpa. Abi and Emma are continuing to board at school. Isaac is home schooled and joins mum at work.

The programme has continued on at its normal fast pace. We have had new pilots join the programme, which is an answer to prayer. We also have a new plane on its way, P2-AFD has been donated to MAF by an amazing couple from the Isle of Man. Sequoia and Dom will also be travelling back to the UK in a weeks time to attend the commissioning of our second new plane - P2-GRA. We are excited to bring with us 2 of our Papua New Guinean colleagues who have not been to the UK before. We are only in country for 11 days, but hope to visit Derby and Leeds while we are back.



Dom

I have been continuing in my role as interim Country Director for MAF Papua New Guinea. This has involved a wide range of activities. The main task over the last few months has been writing the program ministry plan for the next three years. After numerous different iterations I hope to be presenting it to the MAF International leadership team next Wednesday 26th March.



There have been also been some amazing experiences I have been able to have. Last weekend I was out with the American ambassador to PNG on our float plane. We did several water landings. We wanted to boost the relationship between the US and MAF. Isaac was able to come with so he got to experience the float plane also.

The role continues to pick up pace as more responsibilities get assigned to me, but I have really felt that God has supported me and sustained me through quite challenging times. I am excited to get the ministry plan written which will serve as our strategy for the next three years. Please pray as this goes through the last few checks in the international leadership that we are able to make a strategy that will allow to make more and more impact in PNG.

I have now handed over my Safety Manager job to Joshua Kara, who has been a Safety officer with me the last two year. I have now asked MAF to consider me for the full time Country Director role.

Sequoia

I have loved returning back to work after our time in Ukarumpa. It's been busy adjusting back to the fast pace in Mt Hagen with work, homeschool, welcoming new families into the programme, and providing hospitality



In February, we had the opening of our newest facility 'The Wing' which is a conference facility with 12 bedrooms to enable overnighting pilots, visitors from MAFI, and other mission organisations to travel through Hagen. It was a very busy time -unpacking boxes, building furniture, cleaning the building after the work-men had completed, buying food supplies. I was even involved in the interview process for the new coordinator for the building and have been working with her to get the facility off to a good start. The opening of the building was on Feb 19th, with over 150 MAF staff and family members attending, we had the MAFI CEO fly into PNG to join us, and we

had worship time, speeches, and then a big bring-and-share meal afterwards to celebrate. We hope the building is a huge blessing to our visitors, many of whom travel through Mt Hagen before their flight to the village that they work in.

We have also been blessed with the arrival of 3 new staff already in 2025. For me, this involves welcoming and collecting them from the airport, settling them into their home, taking them shopping and to the market, getting their driving license, showing them around work and arranging meetings with all the staff they should know, and then arranging their Tok Pisin lessons. It's a couple of intensive weeks for each new family, however I am always reminded with each new arrival I get to welcome, that God is bringing His people into His mission field to do the work He has prepared for them.

Isaac

During the week I homeschool and go into work with my mother. At work I homeschool and help the PVM team - I have built furniture and helped the gas plumbers so far. I hope to go to Ukarumpa school at the end of July.

Last week me and Dad went to Kiunga and went on the float plane and did a couple of water landings. I was scared at first because I didn't know what landing on water would be like but it was smooth and it was cool watching the spray behind the floats.

We landed in a village called Kasa. It was only the 3rd time that the plane had landed there. They were told on the second landing that 'somebody important' was coming. I think they were taking about the American Ambassador, not me.

The village welcomed us by hitting the water with sticks, sang welcome songs, and they also did a play about how their village came to exist. The need there was clear -they asked us about like access to healthcare and schooling. We got a tour of the village including the church, guest house and clinic.



Emma

I am really enjoying being back at Ukarumpa at the moment. I love doing the sports each term, and preparing for sports day. The sport last term was soccer, and I enjoyed being able to play with my friends in my free time as well as at school. I am looking forwards to the sports day next term, where I have entered into several races and jumping events.

I am also a volunteer in our local pony club, where a foal was just born. She has been named Aiyura and, occasionally, I get to work with her! She is very naughty and I can't wait to work with her more.

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Abigail Supporting the Grade 11/12 formal dinner



Isaac at Kasa villa



Emma playing games at her birthday party



Dom meeting the president of Bougainville.



Sequoia ready for a fancy dress party to say goodbye to a friend.



Emma with all of the MAF girls from Goroka, they were on the opposite team!