



# Beyond the Four Walls

June Newsletter

Updates from the Wall Family



## Hello from the Wall Family!

The toilet that night was a ten-minute walk through the dark

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a hole in the ground in a small wooden shack...



## A Night in the bush

And because of how generous everyone was with bottled water and Sprite... I had to pace myself.

I'd been trying to get back to Telefomin, but low cloud and rain closed in quickly. In the end, I had to turn back and return to Ok Isai—the same village I'd taken off from just an hour earlier.

What I hadn't expected was the welcome.

The MAF agent there, who helps organise flights and connects us with the community, took me in straight away. Over the evening I was given drinks, a bilum bag, and another family arrived with two fresh coconuts (straight from the tree) and another bilum. I actually ended up bringing four drinks back with me the next day—they were that generous.

Running water is hard to come by there. A few hoses have been rigged from the mountain, but not where I was staying. I washed my face in the river before bed, then in the morning made do with bottled water rather than making the ten-minute walk back again.

It was hot in the lowlands, and with no fan I spent most of the night drenched in sweat. There were people talking outside well into the evening, but I was so tired I still managed to fall asleep by 8pm.



## Sisamin Medevac

A few days earlier, I was at Sisamin airstrip for a medevac.

The patient was an older lady who had been carried for two days on a homemade stretcher just to reach the airstrip itself. There was no realistic way for her to be carried anywhere else to receive the care she needed.

We hadn't been able to access the area for several days due to weather, and limited communication with the community added to the delay.

When I landed, she was still on the stretcher, surrounded by family and villagers who had done everything they could to get her that far.

I set up our stretcher, transferred her into the aircraft, and we departed.

On the return flight, we also carried a second patient from the same community—a pregnant lady who was well past her due date and needed urgent assessment at the hospital.

The weather had improved enough to allow a straightforward landing and departure.

Having recently completed my additional training, I was able to operate into and out of Sisamin without the previous performance restrictions I had been flying under.

It was one of those flights that stays with you—not because it's unusual here, but because it's so common in these isolated communities.

A reminder of why this work matters here.

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Our local Church



Telefomin hospoial -  
Sisamin lady with her



Homemade stretcher



## Christine -

I can't quite believe we are already in May and that it's almost been a year since we left England for PNG!

Welcome to my portion of the newsletter, where I share a little bit about our life here in Telefomin.

The last time we updated you was Christmas! Since then, we realised we needed a bit of a holiday, so we enjoyed some much-needed family time away in Australia. What a blessing it was that Richard's parents were able to join us both here in Telefomin and later in Australia for part of the trip. Richard and I even managed to have a meal out by ourselves!

We've now been back in Telefomin for just over a month and feel refreshed, but very much back into the daily rhythms of life here.

### Daily Life

I begin each day feeding the kiddos and packing lunches for Richard and the kids. By 8am we're out of the house, with the kids riding their bikes while I walk. We're back for morning tea around 9, and by 10am school begins.

I teach Eloise and Rupert in the mornings, although on Fridays Eloise has started attending a local PNG school at the top of the hill. It's only for half a day, but it gives her a bit of independence and space from Mum—which she enjoys!

We also have a wonderful Haus Meri who helps me in the house. This would already be a full-time job in Western culture, but household tasks become even more time-consuming when you live in the bush and are also responsible for your children's education! She helps with the house and garden, as well as being with Rupert while I teach Eloise.

Homeschooling is definitely up and down, and we continue to ride that wave with much prayer from all of you!

We have lunch with Menik, our Haus Meri, each day, and afterwards the kids have free play or spend time with the children next door. They love riding their bikes, exploring the "rock mountain", walking to the river for a swim, and visiting our newest neighbour Levi, who is two years old.

Food in Telefomin has to be carefully planned, as there are no grocery stores here. We do have a produce market, but it's hit or miss as to what you can buy. Our lovely team in Hagen sends us an eski with fruit and vegetables each week, and we do the rest of the shopping every three months.

Dinner also needs to be made while the sun is still high, as we rely on solar power. Around 4 o'clock I begin cooking, and Richard is usually home sometime between then and 6pm... depending on the day!

Sometimes he gets stuck at little airstrips due to weather and has overnight stays in the bush. The kids and I are used to this now and celebrate when he's home!

I definitely don't struggle to fall asleep at the end of the day.

### **Church**

We're involved with our local church on the corner, and I attend a Ladies Fellowship group on Saturday mornings.

I'm so excited to share that over the past few weeks we've also started a fellowship group for single mums and widows. We've only had a few meetings so far, but we've had a wonderful group attending each week. It's such a sweet time of encouragement, usually shared over a hot drink and biscuits.

These women are busy all the time, so this space gives them a chance to sit, recharge, and be encouraged. It has quickly become one of the highlights of my week.

From death comes life, my friends.

### **Hospital**

There has also been movement at our local hospital, and we've just welcomed a wonderful doctor and his family. This is such an answer to prayer! The community has gone years without having a doctor, so this is a huge blessing.

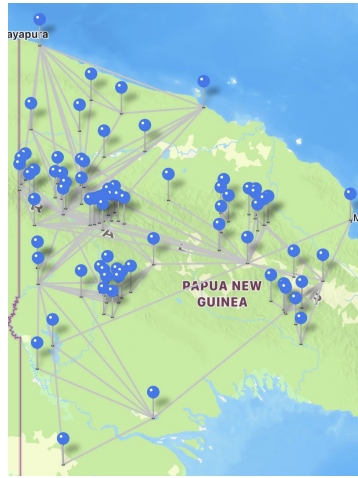
The children and I visit the hospital once a week to pray for patients, and we usually bring some kind of food to share too. I love doing this. What a great way to teach our children what it looks like to live as Jesus did.

Once again, we are seeing God bring life and hope into this community. Our God is faithful, and His timing is perfect.

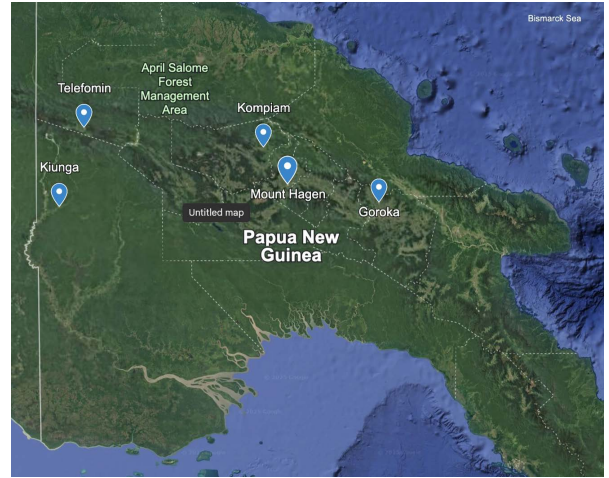
Life here in Telefomin may be isolated, but our lives are very full. I'm excited to see what the next few months hold. Thank you for your prayers—it takes a whole team to make this work, and we're so grateful to be able to serve the community here.



Eloise and Rupert



Richard is checked to 60+ Airstrips  
MAF flies to over 200 different Strips!



## Praise & Prayer Points

### ✨ Praise

- We thank God that Richard has completed his training and can now access more remote communities.
- We praise God that Telefomin now has a permanent doctor who loves Him, after more than 20 years without one.
- We thank God for the many people who have been helped through medevacs from remote areas—something made possible through your prayers and support.
- We praise God for the growing relationships with the people and local communities where we live.



### Prayer

- Please pray for Richard as he begins IFR training over the coming months. This is a significant next step that will help flights continue safely when cloud closes in and conditions become more limiting.
- Please pray for the sale of our house in the UK. We now have another buyer, all the paperwork is once again complete, and we're waiting for their buyer to be ready to proceed.

- Please pray for the continued revitalisation of the hospital here in Telefomin. We're already seeing encouraging changes with the new doctor in place. The hospital has X-ray and ultrasound equipment, but currently no one trained to use them. Please pray that this would be the beginning of more people coming to serve in these remote communities, and that these resources can be fully used to care for patients.
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## Thank You

We're so grateful for each of you who supports us—through prayer and financially. It genuinely makes this work possible, and enables flights like the ones shared above to reach people in some of the most isolated parts of Papua New Guinea.

If you'd like to stay more connected or receive more regular updates and prayer requests, you're very welcome to join our WhatsApp community group.

Thank you for being part of this with us—we look forward to sharing more from life in Telefomin in our next update.

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