



Beyond the Four Walls

November Newsletter

Updates from the Wall Family



Hello from the Wall Family!

Thank you so much for taking the time to read our newsletter! We're excited to give you a quick update on what we've been up to. Thank you for your ongoing prayer and support!

Look below if you want our video update!



Walking Daddy to work

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=14OLMbheCcA&feature=youtu.be>



Goroka and Line Training

As we briefly mentioned in our last letter, we spent most of August and the first half of September based in Goroka (see map below). The kids loved having other MAF families nearby, and there was always someone to play with on the compound. Christine enjoyed being able to walk into town (something we couldn't really do in Mt Hagen!) and meeting people from other mission organisations in the area. She also found a little "story time" group that became a weekly highlight for the children.

Meanwhile, Richard was away at times, flying in different parts of PNG as part of his line training — gradually getting used to the mountains, the weather, and the unique challenges of operating here.



The Big move to Telefomin

This year marked 50 years of PNG's independence, and after our time in Goroka we had the opportunity to spend five days in Telefomin during the anniversary celebrations. It was amazing to land and be welcomed by locals dressed in traditional attire, beating drums as we taxied in (see our video update!). The usually sleepy Telefomin was transformed for the week, with people walking, flying, and driving in from all over. Celebrations even went on until 6am one night!

Unfortunately, Richard was laid up with a bad stomach for most of the week, but Christine and the children enjoyed learning more about the local communities — even visiting a traditional hut. We were all made to feel incredibly welcome, and people were especially excited to hear we'd soon be moving there full time.

While in Telefomin, we were also able to see our new house and start wrapping our heads around the logistics of life there. Telefomin sits in a valley at around 5,000ft between mountain ranges. A basic dirt road now links it to the next town, but it's still very remote — no shops, so we do a big food shop every three months and get topped up with fresh veggies flown in from Mt Hagen every week or two.

By the end of the week, Richard had thankfully recovered and was able to complete his line check, clearing him for the next stage of training. He's now flying with a supervising pilot and working through the process of being checked into the local airstrips and surrounding areas around Telefomin.

After our short visit, we returned to Mt Hagen for a couple of weeks of frantic shopping — trying to get everything we needed (or at least thought we needed!) before the move. This coincided with all the MAF International staff gathering in Mt Hagen for a time of fellowship and some great teaching on prayer. It felt like a fitting way to say goodbye to Hagen and begin this new chapter in Telefomin.

We've now been here a couple of weeks, and thankfully life has settled back into its usual relaxed rhythm. We'll share more about Telefomin itself in our next update!



First Day of School



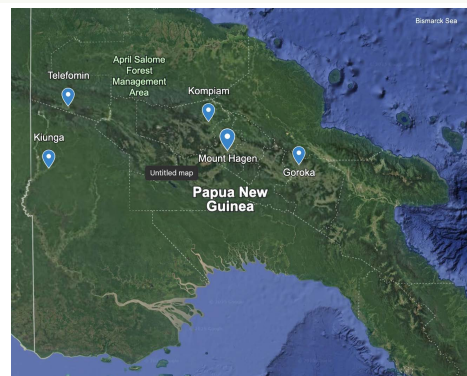
Telefomin Airstrip



Independence Celebrations



Urgent Medevac



Serving the Communities Around Telefomin

One of the most memorable flights recently was a medevac for a man who couldn't walk and was suffering from severe leg pain (see video). It was only a ten-minute flight to the nearest health centre, but that short hop meant crossing a wide river and a mountain range — a journey that would have taken his community several days on foot, carrying him on a stretcher, if it could have been done at all. Moments like that remind us why MAF's work here is so vital.

Another recent highlight has been being able to take a box of Bibles on board when there's room in the aircraft. These are sold to local communities at a heavily discounted rate, and it's always encouraging to see how eager people are to get their hands on a copy — often in English or Tok Pisin.



What's Next?



October

Christine is getting back into the rhythm of homeschooling with the children.



November

Richard will be taking part in the annual MAF PNG pilots' training meeting.



Also in November

Hard as it is to believe, Richard turns 40 on the 16th! He's still convinced he's 30 — and never would have imagined where God would have him celebrating this milestone.



End of the year

All being well, Richard should finish his supervised flying period and be released to fly solo — though with a few initial restrictions as he settles into local operations.



Thank You

We're so grateful for each of you who makes this work possible. To those who give financially and those who pray faithfully – thank you. Your partnership enables us to serve here in PNG and be a small part of what God is doing in this beautiful country.

We look forward to sharing more about life and ministry in Telefomin in our next update!



Support Us!

We're incredibly grateful for those who support our work in Papua New Guinea.

Each year, we raise around £25,000 to help make this possible.

If you'd like to partner with us as we head out, you can do so here:



Praise & Prayer Points

✨ Praise

- Successfully completing our big three-month shop and managing to get everything safely to Telefomin. It felt daunting at times, but it's amazing to see how God cares about the details and small things.
- The children have made friends with the local kids next door (there are no other MAF children here... yet!).
- Christine has done an incredible job making our new house feel like home, even in such a remote place.
- Richard's continued progress in flying and the experience he's building up with each week.

🙏 Prayer

- We may finally be close to exchanging on our house back in England but are still waiting on a date. Please pray that this goes through smoothly and soon, to lift some of the financial burden.
- The children have coped amazingly well with all the moving and upheaval, but it's still hard being so far from grandparents and cousins. Please pray for continued peace and joy for them as they adjust.
- For the Telefomin area — while it's more peaceful than many parts of the Highlands, it's also very remote with little to no infrastructure. Please pray for those who travel for days to share God's word, and for us as we fly to reach those in need of both physical and spiritual healing.