



NEWSLETTER 6

From the Highlands of Papua New Guinea (PNG)- to Coastlines - A Journey of purpose

A warm hello to you dear Friends and Supporters,

I am excited to be sharing this latest newsletter and hope that you feel encouraged as we step further into 2026 together!

The first quarter of the year has flown by — like one of those seasons that feels both fast and full. The year began quietly, with spreadsheets, reconciliations, and the closing of the accounting books as we prepared for our year financial audit. Behind the scenes, the team worked steadily, tidying details and laying strong foundations. Soon enough the pace shifted from desk work to something far more adventurous.

Across Mountains and Coastlines - A country Tour to Remember

February brought an unforgettable milestone: my first MAF country tour to our bases with some of the senior management team. Over the course of the journey, we travelled across ten bases supporting more than 250 airstrips and over sixty staff serving in remote communities. What unfolded felt like scenes from a film — sweeping landscapes, vibrant communities, and moments that linger long after the journey ends.



Management Team and staff on the Country Tour to MAF bases across PNG.



Our route took us from Mount Hagen to Goroka, Madang, Wewak, and Vanimo — from rugged highlands to humid coastlines. We continued through the dramatic mountains of Telefomin, a place marked by early missionary history, before heading to Tabubil, a bustling mining town, and Kiunga, home to our float plane serving the Lake Murray region with its marshlands and winding rivers. From the muddy coastal terrain of Balimo, we moved to Tari and finally back to Mount Hagen. What a blessing it was but in all, I saw the hand of God covering us each stage of the journey as Psalm 91 gently reminds me.

But the real highlight wasn't just the scenery — it was the people. Sitting with staff, hearing their stories, and thanking them for faithfully "holding the fort" reminded me why this work matters. They serve quietly,

consistently, bringing help, hope, and healing to isolated communities. Over thirty hours of travel later, I returned to Mount Hagen both tired and deeply inspired.



Lake Murray from the air and on land with the float plane



Wewak Base Team and Me



Tabubil Base Staff



Kiunga Base Team



Telefomin Team and some of the Management team

Life Slows Down — Language Learning in Kompiam

After the fast pace of travel, I spent a week in Kompiam (a town located in the Enga Province of PNG. It is well known for its hospital which attracts overseas medical students). It was time for language and cultural orientation alongside three other newcomers. Kompiam is tucked into the mountains, where community life is close-knit and rhythms feel refreshingly simple.



Our teachers came from across the village — a school principal, a nurse, a local pastor, and community leaders. Each session felt less like a classroom and more like stepping into everyday life. We practised language, shared meals, listened to testimonies, and even joined worship at the local church. It was a week of learning, laughter, and gently stretching beyond comfort zones.

Leslie one of the teacher's with MAF colleagues (L-R- Joseph, Baby Levi, Christine, Samuel, and me)

A Waterfall Adventure — Faith, Trekking, and Perspective



One unforgettable day in Kompiam took us on a three-hour trek to a hidden waterfall. For someone more accustomed to structured paths, the tropical woodland felt like stepping into an adventure novel. There were no marked trails — only a local guide cutting through grass and leading us across ridges and deep valleys.

The journey was demanding, yet breathtaking. At times it felt reminiscent of an epic expedition — climbing steep slopes, descending into gorges, and pressing on with determination. When we finally reached the waterfall, the reward was extraordinary. We swam in the cool gorge, catching our breath and soaking in the beauty around us. By the end, my walking boots were nearly worn out, while locals in flip-flops seemed effortlessly unfazed — a humbling reminder of resilience.

Team on our way to the waterfall



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The Kompam Waterfall

Back to Focus — Continuous Improvement

March brought a shift back to structured work. Alongside the year-end audit and board preparation, I joined organisation-wide continuous improvement workshops. More to be added on this in the next Newsletter.

Grateful — And Moving Forward

Looking back over these three months, I see contrast — quiet preparation, sweeping travel, deep community connection, adventure, and steady organisational growth. It has been full, stretching, and deeply rewarding.

Thank you again for being part of this journey. Your support makes these moments possible, and I'm grateful beyond words.

Join Me in This Mission

This work is not something I can do alone – it is a shared mission between all of us. Your prayers, encouragement and financial support make it possible for me to serve here in PNG and for lives to be transformed every day.

If you feel led to partner with me financially, please visit my page at www.maf-uk.org/oduro to give a one-off donation or set up regular gift — monthly, quarterly, or annually. Every gift, no matter the size fuels the mission and helps us continue to share God's love in tangible, life-changing ways.

Please Keep Me in Prayer

As I continue this journey, I would so value your prayers for:

- Our Finance Team – for vacant and keys roles of Accountant, Finance Manager to be filled and staff transition.
- Wisdom in financial stewardship and decision-making
- Encouragement for staff serving in remote areas
- Continued growth in language learning and cultural understanding
- Unity and progress through our continuous improvement efforts

With gratitude and appreciation — thank you for walking this journey with me.

Patience xx