



Exploring New Horizons: Adventures from Papua New Guinea by Patience Oduro

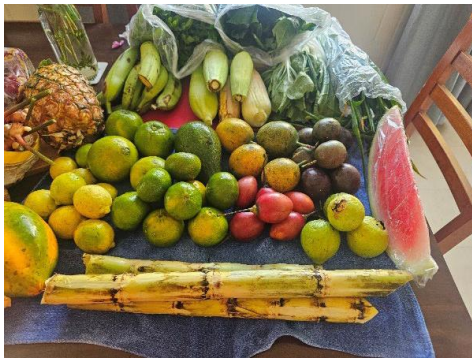
Dear Friends and Supporters, welcome to my first Newsletter

I hope this message finds you well. So thrilled to share with you the exciting journey I've embarked upon with Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) in Papua New Guinea (PNG).

It has been a whirlwind since my departure from London, to Cairns, Australia and then to the breathtaking town of Mount Hagen, which is nestled among awe-inspiring mountain ranges which is truly magnificent, and every day brings new discoveries and challenges.



The locals greet you with warm smiles and are welcoming of MAF and what we do here. The land is fertile for growing most things which have allowed me to continue with my gardening hobby.



Visiting the local market in Papua New Guinea is a feast for the senses, especially when it comes to tropical fruits and vegetables. Picture vibrant stalls with an array of colours and textures that are enough to make anyone's mouth water. Vegetables are equally enticing, with bright green spinach, broccoli and a variety of root vegetables displayed alongside neatly stacked high of colourful bell peppers, tomatoes, and carrots. Their freshness is palpable, promising wholesome flavours and nutrients. The experience is not just about food; it's a cultural immersion where you can taste the essence of Papua New Guinea's rich agricultural diversity

Waking up from in this side of the world some 10+ hours ahead of my European time reminds me of the scripture **Psalm 113 vs. 3 'From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised. The Lord is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens.'**



Finance Team Members: Patience, Jenny, Dorothy, Cathy, Janet and Fraser

Settling into a New Role

I have now settled into my role in Finance, supporting our Head of Finance with a wide range of responsibilities ranging from analysis, audits, budgeting and familiarising myself with our new finance software and working alongside a dedicated team of five local staff has been a rewarding experience thus far.

We've been busy transitioning and integrating all our operations, and there's a real buzz in the office every day. With our office located near the runway, we have a front-row view of MAF's vital operations.

First Flights and Community Outreach



Finance team members in front of a Cessna C208 on PNG air terminal.

A recent opportunity arose to join a flight to Dusin, a remote community just 20 minutes from Hagen. The airstrip, nestled alongside a mountain ridgeline, was a stark reminder of the importance of MAF's work in connecting isolated communities. It was eye-opening to see firsthand how our finance team's meticulous work ensures smooth operations, from reconciling flight cash to supporting our pilots in their mission.

To my amazement before the flight landed the locals were out in force to welcome the team with beaming smiles and greetings in Tok-Pisin (one of the local dialects). See below pictures of the first flight in Dusin and the outreach community.



Pictures of the valleys and mountains surrounding Dusin



Beautiful landscape and airstrip on approach to Dusin



Surrounded by locals at Dusin.

The outreach, to lalibu with my MAF colleagues involved visiting a local church, where I had the privilege of sharing the word with over 15 new converts. It was a humbling experience to witness the impact of our work on the ground and to connect with the local community in such a meaningful way. Outreach pictures on the next page.



At the pulpit with Jonathan Payawa interpreting during ministration.



MAF team and families at Lalibu outreach

Looking Ahead

Whilst continuing to navigate these new experiences, I am reminded of the importance of your prayers and support. MAF's mission in Papua New Guinea is not just about flights; it's about transforming lives and bringing hope to remote communities. I encourage you to explore more about MAF's impactful work in PNG through the links provided below.

Thank you for joining me on this incredible journey. Your friendship and support mean the world to me.

Much love

Patience-x

Some highlights on PNG News, sharing recent stories around Landslide, Float plane that some of you can link to our MAF PNG website: [Bringing hope in Papua New Guinea | Papua New Guinea \(mafint.org\)](#)

Video: MAF PNG: Tears of joy as float plane arrives: Cessna C208 Caravan amphibian 'P2-WET' has arrived in Papua New Guinea to bring help, hope and healing to the isolated communities of the Western Province. Pilot Chad Tilley and civil engineer Terry Fahey share their reflections after arriving in Mount Hagen. The floatplane project has been supported by Sustainable Development Program (SDP) and will bring aerial health patrols to more isolated communities across Western Province.

[Empowering Girls: Menstrual health initiatives in remote Papua New Guinea](#)

Praise Report
❖ Praise God with us for the Float plane which will be used to reach the most isolated communities in PNG.
Prayer Report
❖ For more pilots and vacant roles in the PNG Programme to be filled. ❖ Opportunities for outreach to the isolated communities. ❖ Partnership support for our work to continue.

Invitation to partner with me

I would like to invite you to prayerfully consider joining my team as a partner in prayer and financial giving.

MAF requires all staff to raise an amount of money to help off set the cost of their position. This releases much needed funds for the day to day operations of flying and maintaining the aircraft.

I am looking for people who would be willing to join me in serving MAF, not through going as I am, but through praying, giving and encouraging. Please consider whether you can support me in this, and in so doing be a part of a team of people making a difference to isolated communities.

I will provide you with regular communications about how we are making a difference.

The best way to support financially is to go to my webpage www.maf-uk.org/oduro and sign up to make a regular gift (monthly, quarterly or annually). This provides long term security for myself and MAF. However, one off donations are also welcome.

You can also let us know that you are a UK taxpayer and we can claim an extra 25% of your gift back from the UK government as non-taxable, making a £50 monthly gift worth £62.50 to MAF.

I would love to speak to you personally if you have any questions so please do get in touch patience.oduro@mafint.org

Thank you