



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

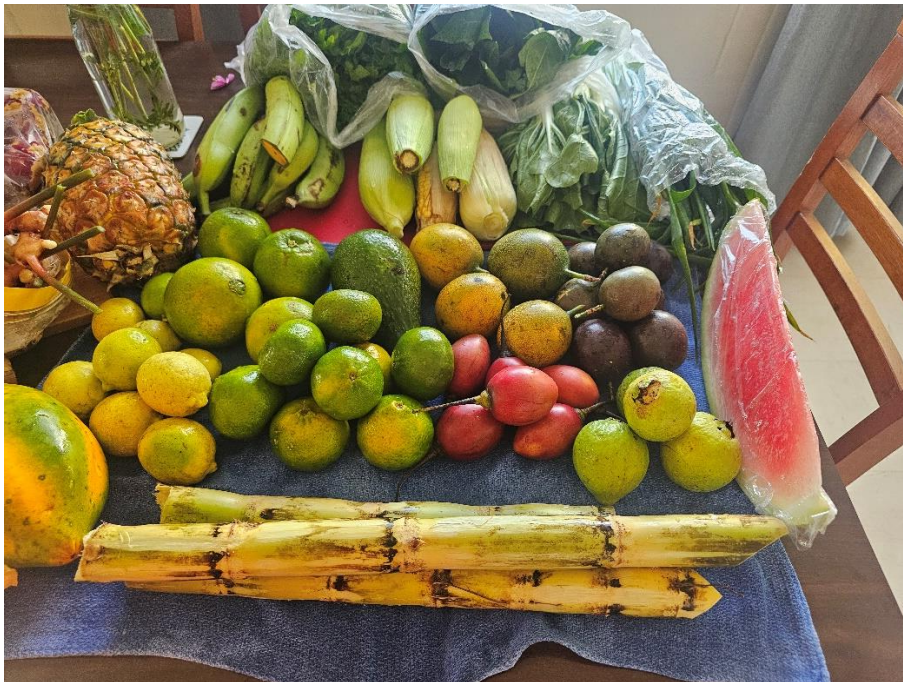
Dear Friends and Supporters, welcome to my first Newsletter!

I'm thrilled to share my journey with Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) in Papua New Guinea (PNG).

After leaving London, and passing through Cairns Australia, I've arrived in the breathtaking town of Mount Hagen, nestled among awe-inspiring mountain ranges. Every day brings new discoveries and challenges. The locals greet us with warm smiles and are welcoming of MAF and our mission. The fertile land has allowed me to continue with my gardening hobby, which has been a joy.



Visiting the local market in Papua New Guinea is a feast for the senses. Imagine, vibrant stalls brimming with tropical fruits and vegetables in an array of colours and textures that are enough to make anyone's mouth water. Bright green spinach, broccoli, root vegetables, bell peppers, tomatoes and carrots are displayed in neat stacks. The freshness is palpable, promising wholesome flavours and nutrients. The market experience is not just about food; it's a cultural immersion into Papua New Guinea's rich agricultural diversity.



Here's some local produces from the market (Fruit and Vegetables)

Waking up on this side of the world, some 10+ hours ahead of European time, reminds me of **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: Patience, Jenny, Dorothy, Cathy, Janet, and Fraser(L-R)

Settling into a New Role

I've settled into my Finance role, supporting our Head of Finance with a wide range of responsibilities including analysis, audits, budgeting and familiarizing myself with our new finance software. Working alongside a dedicated team of five local staff has been incredibly rewarding.

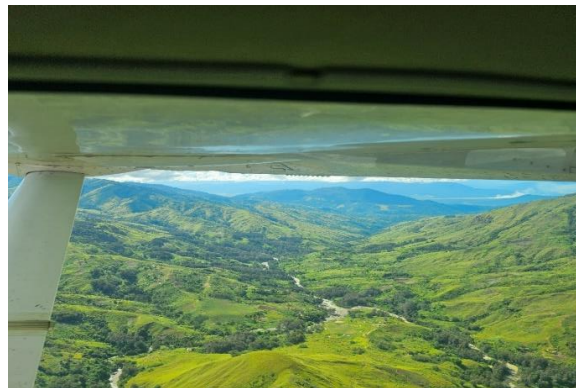
We're busy transitioning and integrating all our operations, and the office is buzzing with energy. Located near the runway, we have a front-row view of MAF's vital operations.

First Flights and Community Outreach

A recent opportunity allowed me to join a flight to Dusing, 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.

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).

Picture of the valleys and mountains surrounding Dusing



Me surrounded by locals in Dusing.

I joined an outreach, to lalibu with MAF colleagues which involved visiting a local church and sharing the word with over 15 “New decisions made to follow Jesus”. The team and I were overjoyed! Such a humbling experience to witness the impact of our work on the ground and our meaningful connection with the local communities, is encouraging to see.



On the stage with Jonathan Payawa interpreting in Tok-Pisin



MAF team and families at lalibu outreach

Looking Ahead

Whilst continuing to navigate these new experiences, during my reflective moments I am reminded of just how important and invaluable your prayers and support are. I can't thank you enough! 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 shared below.

I'm missing you all and I can't thank you enough for standing with me. I'm excited to share more updates from this incredible journey, so stay tuned!

Blessings,

Patience x

Highlights on PNG News, sharing recent stories that you may find interesting: [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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ For more pilots and vacant roles in the PNG Programme to be filled. ❖ Opportunities for outreach to isolated communities. ❖ Partnership support for our work to continue.

Invitation to partner with me

I invite you to prayerfully consider partnering with me in prayer and financial support.

MAF relies on staff to assist with raising funds through partnerships to sustain our operations, including flying and maintaining it's aircraft's. I'm seeking individuals who can join me in this mission through prayer, giving, and encouragement. Your support will directly impact isolated communities by enabling our vital work.

In return, I will keep you updated on how your contributions are making a difference.

To support financially, please visit my webpage www.maf-uk.org/oduro and sign up for regular gifts (monthly, quarterly, or annually). One-time donations are also greatly appreciated. If you're a UK taxpayer, your gift can be boosted by 25% through Gift Aid, making a £50 monthly gift worth £62.50 to MAF.

I'd love to personally answer any questions you have so please feel free to reach out on patience.oduro@mafint.org

Thank you for considering this partnership.

With gratitude,

Patience