



## FLIGHT LOG

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# From subsistence to food security

The village of Ambi is perched on a mountain plateau above Papua New Guinea's Strickland River. With no road access, the community is extremely isolated — the local population depending heavily on subsistence farming.

Essential supplies are flown in, with MAF's recent delivery of a rice mill transforming the lives of those living in Ambi and stirring hope and excitement among the locals.

According to Helson, one of Ambi's residents, 'There aren't any roads coming to our village. Everything is so expensive for us, everything we [obtain]. As we are able to grow rice here, which seems to turn out well, we thought it's worth getting a rice milling machine.

'Up to now, we had lots of rice coming from town. For it to get

here is really expensive.

'That's why we got the rice mill so we can process the rice we're growing here and eat it straight away. Thanks to MAF for bringing the machine.'

Among those on board the flight delivering this particular piece of farming equipment was MAF Traffic Officer George Dahl.

'Upon landing,' George said, 'we were met by a vibrant crowd. They were excited to see the aircraft and the new rice mill that will help farmers mill and de-husk rice in their own community — saving money and encouraging them to keep growing rice.

'The trip helped me realise that MAF is a lifeline, reaching people where no other access exists.'

MAF Pilot Bridget Ingham says the delivery brought self-reliance to the village.

'I was intrigued, because you don't think of PNG as being a rice growing country. However, knowing the amount of rainfall that the area around Ambi receives, it makes sense for someone to try.

'To get rice previously, they had to fly it in from the nearest town at significant expense, so it was a privilege to bring something useful to the community. Rather than just flying in consumables like rice, we delivered a machine to process it.'

**Give thanks for the joy MAF brings to remote communities throughout Papua New Guinea, praying that the villagers' attempts to farm and mill rice will prove successful.**

### Free Will writing service

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