



To the UK in April !

Tales of a Missionary by David & Caroline Moore

Welcome to our February Newsletter 2023

Thank you for signing up to receive these, for your prayers and to those of you who are giving financial support. We are so grateful to have you on our team as we serve in PNG.

“Many Christians hear stories of God at work and think he could never use them that way because they aren’t super-Christians. The truth is, there are no super-Christians. There are only normal people who have said yes to God.” Darren Wilson - God Adventures.

We have tickets!

We have our flights booked and can now confirm we will be arriving in the UK on the 6th April after a short stop over in Amsterdam to meet with supporters there. We are then booked to return to PNG on the 9th July

Please would you also pray with us and consider where you may be able to help us with any of the following as we work towards leaving PNG in a little over 5 weeks.

Can You Help?

Whilst we will receive support from MAF UK during our home assignment we are always conscious of the balance of expenditure back in the UK and how this can impact MAF and our own ability to deliver to the many needs of those we serve in country. If therefore you are able to help in anyway with the following we would love to hear from you by return email.

Accommodation: We will stay with Cathy as before for the majority of our time in the UK but will need accommodation as we look to travel across the country and to visit as many of you as we can.

Transport: Last time we were back on home assignment we did a lot of travelling about to catch up with you all and so if anyone knows of a car we can borrow for some or all of our time back in the UK please let us know asap so that we can work out where we need to fill gaps or hire a car if need be.

Speaking Engagements: As with our previous visit much of our time will be spent sharing the stories of our work here and seeking additional support for both specific projects as well as our own ability to continue to serve MAF here in PNG. We come to the end of our original 4 year term in October, but are looking to serve in PNG for a further 2 years. We are seeking opportunities to share of the work and impact we are having along with seeking additional personal. If you would like us to come and share at your church on a Sunday or set up an evening of mission during the week please let us know asap and we will do everything we can to fit you in. We have some great new videos and personal stories to share it has been yet another incredible to 2 years of God's Blessing.

Holiday: Whilst we are home it is also important for us to get some much needed downtime, so if any of you know of somewhere we might be able to take a proper holiday with our kids if possible, please let us know.

MAF-UK/Folkestone: Due to the madness of Covid during our last visit back to the UK in 2021 we unable to visit the MAF UK offices in Folkestone, so we are hoping to visit and catch-up with the HR team, funding support team and others there. If you know of anyone in or around that area that might be able to provide us with a couple of night accommodation and ideally collection and drop off at train stations (it is a long way from Cornwall by road !) this would be amazing and a real answer to prayer for us.

Sad News



We are gutted that Dave's deputy, David Edsmyr, from Sweden, has to return home from PNG, due to his youngest daughter's ill health. This will be a great loss to the programme. We pray that Livi will be able to get the treatment she needs swiftly in their home country, but ideally God would heal her. With the family needing to leave at such short notice (they are likely to leave in the next 3 weeks), please pray for the family as they pack-up what has become their home here, and that they will all be able to transition back into life back home in Sweden and as they seek the necessary treatment for Livvy

David E has been such a blessing to the team and I as well as the wider programme, running the day to day "fix-it" and vehicle repair side of the the PVM team. This along with Alan Hone leading on our larger projects (see the video below), has allowed me to concentrate on the bigger picture, management, planning, training and setting up systems and processes for the PVM team going forward. With David Edsmyr leaving it will mean that I will have to try assist with running the team day to day during home assignment, working into the evening/night with the programme being 10 hours ahead of the UK.

This year is going to be tough with both David E and also probably Alan returning home. We have scheduled trips to the outstations every other month for much needed improvements as well as the major building work which we are hoping will commence in the next few months all of which will need to be both supervised and managed, along with the day to day maintenance of the the over 70 houses, and other hangars and offices spread across the country, with most of these properties being well over 40-50 years old.

Can anyone help?

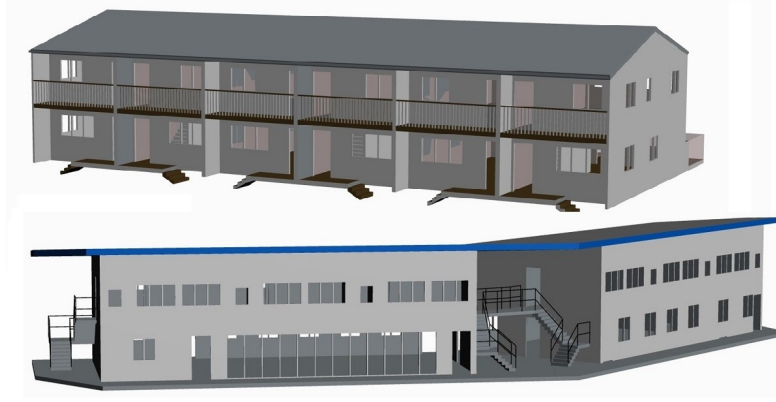
Do you know of anyone who would like an adventure and would fit this job description?

We are also looking into the possibility of short term visits to help with the building work. So again if you or anyone you know might be interested do let us know

We praise the Lord for the Blessing the Edsmyr's have been to the programme this last 2 years and pray especially for them all at this time as they have to unexpectedly head home to seek diagnosis and treatment for young Livvy

Update on Developments!

It is with great delight that I can confirm that the building project is now very nearly fully funded and it is almost certain that by the time we return to PNG in July we will be looking to commence the build of the two new housing blocks shared with you last month



Whilst this is exciting news that we are just awaiting the last few thousands of funding it is coming as a little bit of a double edged sword, with David Edsmyr having to leave and Alan Hone our Project Manager due himself to return to the UK in August for further heart tests and unsure at this stage if he will be able to return.

However we know that Iron sharpens Iron and that God's timing for this project as well as the movements of people is perfect and so continue to pray that additional help will come in whatever form and that this will be a successful project for the programme as well as great opportunity of learning and growth for the PVM team as we seek to deliver these exciting projects in conjunction with both Local, National and International companies.

If anyone is interested in donating towards these projects to help get us over the finish line with the funding please contact MAF-UK below referring specifically to the PNG Housing project, or contact us direct and we can put you in touch with the right people.

Praise God for his timing and that he will enable us to have the right people in place and at the right time for these projects to be completed this year

Over 25 years in Kiunga



Over the last few years the NAC (National Airports Corporation) of Papua New Guinea has been working on a programme of upgrading some of the larger airports across the country, including the likes of Kiunga, Wewak, Nadzab(Lae), Tari and Mount Hagen our main MAF Base. Some of these have been full upgrades to Airstrip and terminals and others such as Kiunga have just been to Terminals.

As MAF we have been serving the some 200,000 population Western province (spread across approx. 99,000 sqKm, equivalent to a 1/3 of the UK) for some 50 years with over 25 of them from our base in Kiunga.

Kiunga is the northmost point readily accessible on the River Fly, even during dry season, is around 220 Miles from the sea but sits at just 15M elevation and is surrounded by swamps and sago forests. It is for this reason however that it remains a key point within the province for distribution of fuel and equipment into the province as well as fish and mining products out of the province.

It is a real testament therefore to the impact and respect that the NAC has for MAF that when they came to develop a new terminal building which required extending into our existing base facility that the NAC offered to build MAF a complete new facility free of charge for us upgrading us to a new facility, from our rather tired old container offices, which meets our continued Passenger and Cargo requirements and providing us with a facility fit for the next 30-40 years.



The new MAF Facility built by the NAC, and adjacent to the construction of the new Main terminal building

**Praise God for this continued recognition by those in Power
of the critical work MAF carries out across the country**

See you soon!

Praise & Prayer

Praise God For:

- The go ahead for the building projects
- Safety of our partners at Kompium Hospital who were held up on the road to Hagen
- The progress made during David E and Alan's time with us.
- Our Daughter coming out to visit us in PNG after our Home Assignment

Please pray for:

- Livi to stop having seizures and the Edsmyr family as they transition.
- That we will be able to find a suitable home and purchase before our return to PNG
- For Dave as he tries to fit everything he needs to do into the few weeks before we leave PNG for our Home Assignment!
- For an IT Manager to come to MAF PNG and for improved internet

Thank you

- Your giving and prayers are so appreciated, and thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter.

We pray that you will be blessed as you join us on our PNG adventure, as part of our team. We couldn't do this without you!

We are so grateful to all our existing, and new sponsors as we finally approach being fully funded.

However there is always more your money can do to support us and the work out here and if you are you interested in supporting us then feel free to make a one off donation or maybe set up a monthly support gift (which average £50 p/m but range from £10 p/m - £100 p/m) to help us continue serving in PNG.

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