

Ryan and Siobhain Cole in Papua New Guinea



The Cole Communiqué

Dear Friends & Supporters,

We hope you and your family are enjoying the start of spring! We don't experience either spring or autumn in PNG, we simply have dry season in the mornings and wet season in the afternoons. ;-D

During December & January, we had a wonderful time with our parents visiting us. We even had a long weekend with all 4 of them here in Telefomin together. This really reminded us of the first time we met each others' parents, which was also in PNG, just a few days before we got engaged, 7 years ago!



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Thank you so much for your friendship, support and prayers which help us through good times and bad. We couldn't be serving PNG's poor and isolated communities without you!

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We are thankful...

- For a **wonderful time** and great memories made with our parents in December & January.
- For the **blessing of food** to last the next few months, in case the fuel crisis stops food from getting to shops.
- For all the DfG **reusable sanitary kits** which Ryan's parents brought from Canada which will be distributed to young women in the coming months.

Please pray...

- For peace & safety for us as we are the **only** none-PNG family living in Telefomin.
- At the request of HQ, Shiv has made an **Emergency Evacuation plan** for MAF's international staff, please pray this is not needed.
- For local & international **recruitment** of MAF PNG staff.





Shiv turned 40!

Shiv's parents arrived half a day late; we traveled to Wewak to meet them and the next day celebrated Shiv's 40th birthday.



Ryan took his Mum flying

Ryan's parents' arrival was delayed by 24 hours because some of their bags missed their flight twice! But we were so grateful they made it and Ryan picked them up from our base in Kiunga, a 20 min flight away.



Learning Telefomin life

We spent half a day in the "Haus Kuk" (kitchen) of our friend, Vero. She and some other friends showed us how they cut firewood, prepare greens and cook their meals over an open fire. They kindly gave Shiv's parents each a PNG "bilum" (string bag, pictured).



We visited Ankem Church on Christmas Eve with Shiv's parents and our MAF friends, Dave & Caroline.

PNG fuel shortage

Since early February we have had problems getting fuel for our aircraft in PNG. There was a press release saying the fuel company would not be operating for much longer. MAF PNG Management have ordered 8 shipping containers of fuel drums from New Zealand, but at double the PNG cost per drum.

At the time of writing, MAF has approximately 6-8 weeks of fuel left in PNG and we are reducing our number of flights to make fuel last longer so we can keep doing high priority and emergency flights in case this fuel crisis is not resolved quickly.

Please join us in praying for a quick and cost-effective solution to this fuel crisis so we can continue to serve the poor & isolated in PNG.



Safety First!

Koda & I go for a walk up the airstrip at 7am on days when Ryan is flying, so we dress to be visible, just in case someone lands early.



Lunch with friends!

Recently our MAF friends from Mt Hagen, Mandy & Mathias, came to stay in Telefomin for a couple of weeks to help with the flying. Mandy & I shared lunch with some of my very dear local friends.

