

### FEEDBACK

The annual pilots' meetings went well. All the necessary training and checking was completed. The meetings clashed with regional management meetings and as a result the sessions normally allocated to the Country Director and Finance Manager weren't needed. Although there is an obvious downside that it wasn't possible to bring everybody up to date on some issues, the plus was that there was less time pressure, so the meetings were more relaxed this year.

The usual fun was had with fire extinguishers and life jackets!



- Give thanks that the meetings went well. Pray for ongoing safety in all of MAF's flights, and also in all the ground operations around our bases and in Engineering.

Nicki's orientation courses are progressing well and it won't be long before her students spend a week out in a village to put their Tok Pisin into practice.

- Give thanks for the progress made. Pray that the Lord will give them confidence as they use their Tok Pisin to interact with local people.

There have been positive developments with CASA PNG, the aviation regulator, following some of the recent changes they have made.

- We're grateful for a good working relationship with the regulator, and also for the confidence they have expressed in MAF's operating standards.

### MAF NEWS

Despite a lot that was negative during the general elections earlier in the year, for reasons too long to explain here, they gave an opportunity to build good relationships with the local landowners of the Yamka tribe.

From this, churches of many different denominations have asked to have a week-long event to honour MAF, and also to provide an opportunity for us to tell them what we do and what our mission and ministry involves.

- These meetings start this week (Nov 6th), so please pray that they go well, that the Lord will bless them, and that local people will have a better understanding of what MAF does, and more importantly, what God does through MAF!

Quite a few of our key partner organisations have found MAF's service unreliable over the last couple of years. This is due to many different reasons including the staff shortages we've had. While some factors have been outside our control, the effect for those needing our service has not been positive.

With our new Country Director in place there is a renewed determination to improve our reliability and, in consultation with our partner churches, missions and other organisations, to increase the effectiveness of our services.

- Please pray for the Lord to direct us as we work to improve what we do, and that we can regain the confidence of the very people we exist to serve.

The MAF International Prayer Day is Wednesday November 15<sup>th</sup>.

- Please join with us praying for MAF's work around the world.

## PERSONAL NEWS

Our itinerary so far for next year is as follows:

- 20<sup>th</sup> March Limes Avenue Baptist Church Women's Fellowship
- 21<sup>st</sup> March Limes Avenue Baptist Church
- 25<sup>th</sup> March St Lawrence's Church, Hungerford
- 8<sup>th</sup> April Church Crookham Baptist Church
- 15<sup>th</sup> April Ashley Baptist Church
- 20<sup>th</sup> May St Mark's/Keighley shared church, Keighley

We'll be away between 14<sup>th</sup> May and 7<sup>th</sup> June visiting friends and family.

With our thanks and best wishes

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