

NEWS FROM THE DUNCALFES

April 2019

After an amazing holiday in Australia and New Zealand, we are now settling back into the UK. The long break between leaving PNG and arriving here was a good idea and was something that was recommended in an article Nicki read about how to transition back well after a long time overseas. We also recommend doing this! As well as seeing lots of new places, we had some really special times catching up with ex-PNG friends.

Michael enjoyed a short flight in the MAF Australia simulator that is taken around schools, air shows and other events to encourage interest in mission aviation. If there's anybody able to help with this work, Max Chapman, a senior ex-MAF pilot, would love to hear from you!

Needless to say, it seems strange to consider what comes next and not to have a return ticket to PNG in hand.

MAF & FOLLOW UP NEWS

The second of the six new Cessna C208 Caravans, P2-MAJ, has arrived safely in Mount Hagen.

A simulator specifically made for C208 training has been funded by MAF Netherlands for PNG. It's hoped that this will arrive within the next 1-2 months and, once set up, will be of huge benefit for training new pilots. As well as reducing the cost of training, simulators allow emergency procedures to be practised that would not be safe to do in an aircraft.

- Give thanks for the way the Lord has provided for these major projects, the new aircraft and the new simulator. Pray that they will be effective tools in MAF's ministry in PNG.

We've asked for you to pray for Brian Walter as he undergoes treatment for leukaemia. Despite quite aggressive treatment he is doing well and his body has been able to clear the drugs quickly after each session allowing him to spend more time at home.

- Please continue to remember him, his parents Clay & Becky, and their other children, Seth and Taylor, in your prayers.

PERSONAL NEWS

We still don't have any idea what we'll be doing long term. After five weeks touring and only a week back in England, that isn't really too surprising!

What we do need to do is to go through some practical issues as we leave MAF.

We realised that saying goodbye to churches and individuals who've supported us for many years would be difficult, but we know that this is necessary. Here are some actions and suggestions you may want to consider:

1. Prayer letters - News from the Duncalfes and Duncalfes' Diaries.

We are very happy to keep you on our mailing list and to let you know what the Lord does eventually have in store for us. However, to ensure that our address book is up to date and you only receive our mail if you want to:

To **OPT-IN** Click on this link and it should bring up an email (to duncalfes@yahoo.co.uk) with Opt-In already in the Subject box.

To **OPT-OUT** as you would like to leave our mailing list, either do nothing and we will take you off our list, or click on the link to confirm this. Thank you so much for your support over the years.

If, for some reason, the links don't work, just send us an email with either Opt-In, or Opt-Out, in the subject box.



2. Financial support

For those who have supported us financially over the years, words are not sufficient to say thank you for your generosity.

Adam Pope from MAF UK Supporter Relations will write to you in the near future. As we remain on MAF staff during our resettlement period, and there are some expenses associated with us returning to the UK, he asks whether you can continue your support until the end of July. He will also ask whether you are interested in supporting another MAF family. If that is the case, then we'd like to introduce you to Israel & Charlene Neale and their son, Miles. We overlapped with them for a few weeks in PNG and can commend them to you wholeheartedly. Israel has already started his flying training; Charlene is involved in adult education and the development of our national staff.



I will leave Adam to say more ...

Whatever you choose to do, we hope that whether in prayer, giving or both, you have felt an essential part of the team that God has used to reach people who are very, very isolated with both the Gospel and with practical help.

3. Another Milton Keynes Half Marathon & Fun Run!

Last year Michael ran the Milton Keynes Half Marathon and raised over £600 for MAF and Reverse Rett (Rett Syndrome is a genetic condition that our granddaughter, Rosalie, suffers from). He thought he'd do the same this year, so if you'd like to sponsor him and see if we can beat last year's total, please visit his Virgin Media Giving page:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/MichaelDuncalfe>

Not to be outdone ... Nicki is doing the MK Super Hero Fun Run. Wait for photos of her in a Super Hero T-shirt! Rosalie has a trust, Rosalie's Rainbow, to help with the financial side of her care and Nicki's sponsorship will go directly to that:

<https://rosaliesrainbow.com/donate>



If you don't have internet access and would still like to contribute, please send donations directly to us. Cheques made out to us will be divided equally between MAF, Reverse Rett and Rosalie's Rainbow. Alternatively, you can write a cheque to any of them which we will then forward (if they come to us we can keep a track of the total raised).

So we come to the end of an era at Easter time as we celebrate the resurrection and our future hope. This will be our last News from the Duncalfes, at least in its present format. We will also be sending out a Duncalfes' Diaries soon as it has a wider circulation than the NFTD. As we've said already, if you'd like to stay in touch, we're very happy to do so. For all our MAF career we've recognised that we've just been the front end of an amazing team. Thank you for walking this road with us and being a part of what God has been doing in PNG through MAF.

Not to us, Lord, not to us

but to your name be the glory,

because of your love and faithfulness.

Psalm 115:1

May you know our Lord's blessing and encouragement as you seek to serve and follow him.

With our love

Michael *Nicki*