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# Marsh's Journey

## Flying for Life in PNG

**MAF's Vision:** is that isolated people will be physically and spiritually transformed in Christ's name



**“The only way we can get in and out of Amdu is by plane. Without that support none of what we are doing would be possible.”**

This comment was made by a New Tribes missionary as he said thank-you to MAF for assisting in their ministry to one of the most remote tribes in Papua New Guinea. NTM is a ministry that specifically targets people who are the least likely to hear the gospel and then makes great effort to help that to happen. With the Amdu people group located on the far western border of PNG, consisting of villages scattered in the mountains ranging from 3500ft to 7000ft, they are ranked very high on the needs scale. As three NTM families prepare to move into isolation they ask MAF for assistance. NTM also has an aviation division, but not unlike MAF, they are also being affected by pilot shortages and do not have the resources at this time to serve an area located so far from their other bases.

So as MAF flies in supplies and building materials, and houses start to appear in the jungle, the small statured people of Amdu are becoming more excited.

Bringing the Good News is not a quick fix it takes years of dedication and perseverance. The missionaries must first learn the local tribal language and culture so they can translate the scriptures into the people's heart language, a process that can take between three to five years. That is only the start, there will be many more years of work as translation work follows along with literacy training and discipleship as a baby church is planted.

Philip Sutter, an MAF pilot comments,  
“I can see how our airplanes are used so that isolated people are being transformed in Christ's name.”

## Prayer & Praise

We are very grateful for our time of reconnection and rest while in Canada

Please pray as we prepare to get packed up to go out once again

Pray that the settling and return to service will go smoothly for Jay once back in PNG

Please pray for management as they continue to juggle ever-changing needs and resources

As always, continue to pray for safety both in the air and on the ground



## Home Assignment

I asked Jay what he wanted to say in our prayer letter. This is what he had to say: "My wife is grumpy when she is cold". I guess the past few months have been tough for him! In all seriousness, not that his statement isn't true, we have had a great time back home in Canada. Yes it was a little shocking at first but we soon remembered all of the fun that can be had in the snow and plunged right in.

We were able to quickly settle back into the little farmhouse that has so graciously been rented to us for our time home, the boys got slotted back into school right away as well, and then it was not long before the travelling around and speaking started.

It truly has been a blessing being able to reconnect with so many faithful people who have prayed and supported us through our first term in PNG. It has been very encouraging and very humbling to meet with people who 'pray for us everyday', and to be able to share back with them some of the answers to prayer. As we look back over the last term we can see many times when the Lord's hand was protecting and prompting, but how many others are there that we just have no idea about. As one of the ladies at head office said, "it is evident that you have been covered in prayer", and for that we would like to thank you!

We are now once again on the countdown to a departure date. We have tickets to fly out of Calgary on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. We look forward to heading back, reconnecting with friends and coworkers in Goroka, and settling back into our PNG home.



### A Place to Connect

Since being back in Canada we have heard many times, "we loved reading your blog". I must apologize for not being very faithful with it the last few years. However, I am preparing to turn over a new leaf and have been putting together a new web page where hopefully we can stay connected!

From here we can blog as well as post newsletters and other photos. You also can send along a note to us from here.

The new web page address is:

**[marshreport.weebly.com](http://marshreport.weebly.com)**



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## The Lord doesn't need us,

He chooses to use us! That is something that we can take comfort in; that the weight of results need not rest on our shoulders. He knows our limitations and our weaknesses. However, he is more than able to hold it all together and work out his purposes in his time.

We want to invite you once again to partner in our ministry with MAF, as part of the body of Christ, to be used to reach out to the people of Papua New Guinea, that they can experience the love of Christ even in the most remote corners of the jungle.

Please continue to be in prayer for us that we would stay closely connected to the source, 'that his power could be shown perfect in our weakness'.