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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



Desperate For Bibles

“How many can you bring with you next time you come?”

That is the question Brad Venter, MAF pilot, received after landing in Usarumpia and offering the people Bibles.

That day Brad only carried a few copies of the Bible in Tok Pisin (the trade language here in PNG) but the people, after buying all that he had, were desperate for more.

Now some of you may be wondering why they have to pay for the Bibles, there must be away to supply them for free? However there is something to be said for the value of something when you have invested in it; and God's Word is worth investing in! And so a subsidy system has been worked out; giving more assistance to poorer areas and people who don't have as much opportunity to make money and less to those areas that have greater economic resources. The difference in cost, between actual and what the people pay, is then balanced by others giving so that people out in the remote corners of PNG can have affordable access to the Word of God. Jason had the privilege of being one of the pilots of the next plane that went into Usarumpia and they loaded up a full box of 40 Bibles. By the end of their short stopover in that village, the box was empty!

Now our prayer needs to be that the people's minds will be open to receiving all that God's Word holds for them.

Coffee Prices

The other day the boys noticed something a little different on the news. Instead of the gold and oil prices in the commodities section, copper, copra (produced from palms) and coffee were listed. These are some of the things that are important to the PNG economy and right now coffee prices are very low. This is impacting the people out in the bush as coffee is the major way that people out in the remote communities in the Highlands earn money. Please pray for an increase in the price of coffee beans.



May the most worn path of our minds lead to You,
May the unheard praise of our ways speak of You.

Settling Back In

Well, we made it back to PNG with all suitcases and a bike in tow without any hassles. Now there is an answer to prayer! The settling back in has gone smoothly. It was really good to reconnect with friends and co-workers here once again. The boys got a bit ripped off in their summer break as they went back to school on July 24th, not even a month after they got out in Canada, but that also means that they are just about finished their first term of school already!

Jason was able to get his return to service check done quite quickly after arriving back and that all went really well after not flying for an extended period of time. He is pretty excited to be back doing what he loves. Isn't God good! May we all use our gifts to serve Him.

After being on a sabbatical from baking I (Mel) am also back at it! I am remembering what it is like to keep the boys fed without so much support from the store. The break gave me renewed energy and inspiration to try out some new things. I am also now willing to give tomatoes another go, hoping all of the bugs and fungi don't take over. I would love to be able to make more homemade pasta sauce.

With the bike that was boxed up and came with us, as well as the one that was delivered from Switzerland, and the one the guys are able to borrow from a friend, the boys have been able to get out and experience PNG in a new way. They have been out on a few rides together and while it is quite challenging riding here, they have a beautiful backdrop to do it in.

In His Service, Jason, Melanie, Kaleb, and Carter



Praise and Prayer

- Thankful settling back in went well
- Thankful for a great school for the boys to attend
- Please pray as we are once again separated from friends and family back home, hard to reconnect and leave again
- Jason has a ferry flight coming up on Oct 2nd - taking an Otter down to Australia, please pray for safety on this long haul
- Please pray for management as they look ahead and look for guidance on how to best serve here in PNG in the future



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Faithfulness

I was reminded once again today just how many faithful people we have supporting, praying, and encouraging us along in this journey. We want to thank you once again for your part in the work that is being done here in PNG.

It was really great to connect with many of you while we were home in Canada and we are sad to have missed some of you, however we hope to remain in touch even from afar.

While home we worked on setting up a web page so that we could hopefully do a better job of communicating and including you in our lives here. We would also love to hear from you!

The web address is: marshreport.weebly.com