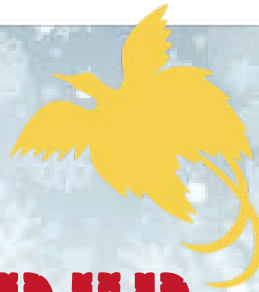


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Christmas News from
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DEAR FRIENDS

Krismas - This is how you spell Christmas in Tok Pisin, making it obvious that this word has its roots in the English language. But what does Christmas or Advent mean?

The word Advent derives from the Latin word "advenire," to arrive. And on Christmas we celebrate Jesus arriving (coming) into this world. Lately, we stumbled upon the idea that Advent comes from "adventure". Well, Tok Pisin, Latin or English, in any case, life with Jesus is an adventure!

Krais mas i stap insait long laip bilong yu! - Jesus Christ has to arrive, has to come into your life - and then Christmas is happening all year round! Regardless of beautiful decorations such as a festively decorated Christmas tree or a bunch of bananas. Still, traditions do have their place, helping us to celebrate various festivals, whether in cold and snowy Europe or tropical Papua New Guinea. The main thing is, that we do not forget what we actually celebrate! Therefore, we wish you a joyful Christmas time and God's blessings for 2020!

Mathias & Mandy



Dedicating
our Cessna
Caravan Fleet to
God and to the
people we
serve

A HISTORICAL MOMENT

MAF PNG operating a single type fleet of C208

November 7 was a very special day for MAF PNG. This day marked the conclusion of the 3-day staff conference for our approximately 100 local staff and the completion of the annual pilots' conference. As a result, all MAF PNG employees were gathered in Mt Hagen. In the morning, we gathered for prayer as part of the Week of Prayer initiated twice a year by MAF International, this time under the theme of Called. In small groups, we prayed for various prayer requests from countries where MAF either has a flight program or a support office. [Here](#) you can watch the theme video that includes testimonials of three of our MAF PNG staff members.

Then came the highlight: This day marked the implementation of and MAF PNG's transition to a single type fleet, a first for MAF PNG. Operating only one type of aircraft allows us to operate more efficiently as it greatly simplifies pilot training and maintenance. A historic moment in MAF PNG's nearly 70-year history! So, all of our 9 Cessna Caravans, C208, 6 of which have arrived brand new this year, parked in a circle with their noses outwards, uniquely symbolising our purpose and our mission: we are ready to launch serving 200+ remote communities by bringing help, hope and healing.

How many bananas? – What's your guess?

It is Sunday, the 2nd Advent. We measure 28°C! After two weeks of drought, the water tanks are full again, the strawberries ripen and I can harvest the last kohlrabi (turnip) before we leave for Germany. And we are happy that a banana plant is ready to be harvested in time as six more banana trees are in different stages of maturity. The avocado tree shows its first fruits after we planted it about 3 years ago. It is so awesome to watch the plants grow and harvest various fruits and veggies in our own garden! And with a bunch of bananas you make the whole neighbourhood happy! You cut off the bunch when the first bananas are turning yellow, so that the bats do not come for a feast at night. Within a week the whole bunch gets ready, really sweet bananas! Yum! What do you think, how many bananas hang on our Christmas bunch of bananas? Write us, and you can win a Christmas greeting from PNG! Closing date is 20.12.2019!

How many
bananas are on
this whole
bunch?





YOUTH WITH A MISSION - PART 1

Flying into a remote village in the Highlands of PNG and going on an adventure into Hobbit country

Micha Lucht, a young, enthusiastic German with a passion for Jesus spent quite a bit of time in PNG in 2019. First, he came on a ten-week outreach programme of a Discipleship Training School he attended at Queenstown, New Zealand. In June, he came for a longer mission: to teach the Discipleship Bible School himself to young Papua New Guineans enrolled at Camp Kalina, situated on the outskirts of Mt Hagen, one of more than 1000 YWAM locations across 180 countries.

Here, he shares about his experience in the Highlands of PNG:

As a small group we decided to plan a two-week outreach phase with the purpose of sharing the gospel with the people in the remote Highlands of PNG. MAF was able to give us a huge discount on the tickets, which made it financially possible for us to go. Thank you so much for that! Otherwise we wouldn't have any stories to tell about the great work that God did through us in Agali.

We were a culturally mixed team, which was a great testimony to God's unity within us for the people.

We boarded the MAF Cessna 208 aircraft on 3rd October bound for Agali,

one of the most beautiful locations I have ever been to. Now I know why our two pilots Mathias and Jan-Ivar referred to the area around Agali as "Hobbit Land".

Our vision wasn't just to preach the word of God. Our goal was to teach the people God's love, based on biblical truth, and to plant a seed of love and hunger for God in the people's hearts that will grow and spread into the whole area and in the people without any kind of bias, just the truth of the Bible.

We split the team and one team taught the adults the foundation of the Old and New Testament and on the final day focused "just" on the change that Jesus brought to us by his death and resurrection. Every day was focused on God's unconditional love for the people and for every one of us.

villagers, showed God's love to them and encouraged the whole area to love God and to love each other.

Every Monday is set as a work day for the community. In the past, the people built a new clinic for the area, including a small house where patients can stay and a house for women to give birth. We met the local nurse and two people



who had to fly with MAF to a hospital. Asked about MAF they said: "MAF is always there if we need them. If we have an emergency in the area or at the clinic, MAF comes in a few hours or on the very next day to fly the people out to a proper hospital; they truly save lives."

We saw much change in the people's hearts and lives in just this short amount of time. Our prayer is that God continues to reveal himself to the people in this remote area, that MAF keeps doing what they do for Agali and that this place will turn into a beautiful testimony of God's kingdom.

I would like to thank MAF and their supporters from all over the world who made this trip possible!

God bless you, Micha



The other team did the same teaching pattern for all the children but in a very simple way. At the end, they had a big Jesus party, with balloons and music.

The ministry went very well! After that we continued with times of fellowship and set out for a few house visits. We prayed with

YOUTH WITH A MISSION - PART 2

When people get prompted to love and care for the unfortunate and the body of Christ works together



The prayers of the YWAM team continue for the people they've met and touched at Agali, and so the story goes on: While at Agali and walking around the scattered village to meet and greet people, to hear their stories and pray with them, Micha and his team-mates came across a woman crawling in her garden - and met Kathy* (*name changed to protect her identity*).

After the outreach, we had Micha over for lunch and he told us Kathy's story, showed us photos and asked us how she could be helped.

Kathy, a mother of 4 children, the youngest just about 2 to 3 years old, abandoned by her husband who seems



to have remarried and only occasionally comes to visit her. How can she make a living and look after her children? She does not even have as little as the 20 Kina fee (€6.50) for the local nurse to look after her, attending to her wounds. Kathy can't walk, only crawl. What a tough life! The love for her children is probably her daily motivation to keep going.

The team tried their best to love and care for Kathy during their short visit, cleaning her wounds, and leaving her some bandages and antiseptic to keep the open wounds as clean as possible to encourage some healing or at least prevent more serious infection. But they knew that this wasn't enough. The YWAM team were keen to sponsor her flight and hospital costs to help her in a more sustainable way.

We put Micha in contact with Dr Mills from Kompiam Hospital even though Agali is not in Enga Province. Thankfully, Dr Mills and the team were happy to have Kathy come to Kompiam for a proper diagnosis and treatment. "It may well be a severe case of gout. The white crystals in the heel under the skin look like that. We would probably have to see her." Hope!

And we put Micha in contact with the MAF PNG flight booking department to plan a flight for Kathy to Kompiam.

Communication to organise all the logistics of this rescue mission for Kathy was quite challenging. Almost daily we were exchanging WhatsApp messages with the latest updates.

Eventually, everything came together: a wasmeri (guardian) was found for Kathy, a flight scheduled. Kathy was brought to the local clinic the night before to be ready to board the aircraft quickly.

Unfortunately, the first attempt to fly Kathy to Kompiam failed. Very strong winds made an approach into Agali unsafe and therefore impossible. How disappointing. Kathy was carried back to her house, a 10 minute walk if you have both hands free to climb, according to Micha. What a challenging expedition if someone then needs to be carried on a stretcher or on someone's back...

We all hoped and prayed that the new scheduled early morning flight from Telefomin to Agali to Kompiam would work. So all was organised again. And praise the Lord! This time it worked out and Kathy is now in good care at



the Kompiam hospital!

In a brief update, Dr Mills wrote: "The blood test confirmed severe gout, with a lot of bone destruction. She'll need life long medication. I am hopeful we can get her walking again, but she needs to stay with us for several weeks first."

What a difference this would make to Kathy if she'd be able to walk again! Imagine! Please join the YWAM team in their prayers for Kathy, that her journey from Agali to Kompiam will pay off, spiritually and physically. What a huge testimony would this be if Kathy, when returning to her village in some weeks time, could just walk out of the aircraft.



GERMANY! HERE WE COME!

Meet us at different speaking engagements

We have already confirmed some speaking engagements during the months of January and February. We would love to seeing you there and touching base with you: The little red planes will give you more details about the location (works only if you have a pdf version, or check at www.maf-pilot.de)



5 Jan	ab 9:00 am	JuMiKo Stuttgart ✈
6 Jan	3:00 pm	Afternoon of Fellowship, CG Karlsruhe ✈
12 Jan	10:00 am	Church Service, FeG Horb am Neckar ✈
20 Jan	7:30 pm	Mission Night, Auhausen ✈
26 Jan	5:00 pm	Church Service, Landeskirchliche Gemeinschaft Lengefeld ✈
2 Feb	10:00 am	Church Service, Evangelische Freikirche Wissen ✈
3-5 Feb		We will be visiting the MAF Germany Office, Siegen ✈
5 Feb	7:00 pm	Mission Night, Christliche Versammlung Bischoffen ✈
9 Feb	9:30 am	Church Service, EfG Wetzlar ✈
10 Feb	7:00 pm	Bible School Brake ✈
15 Feb	7:30 pm	Mission Night, Stelle ✈
23 Feb	10:30 am	Church Service, Hoffnungskirche Bremen-Walle ✈
26 Feb	7:00 pm	Mission Night, Eppendorf-Gahlenz ✈
28 Feb	7:30 pm	Men's Fellowship, Zöblitz ✈
29 Feb	2:00 pm	Flight Club, Gaststätte am Flugplatz in Neuhausen-Cämmerwalde ✈
6 March	7:30 pm	Mission Night, Christliche Versammlung Eschelbach ✈
8 March	10:30 am	Church Service, CG Karlsruhe ✈
15 March	10:00 pm	Frankfurt, Departure nach PNG

Annual
Pilots Meeting
November
2019



What a great bunch of people we have, coming from different countries to serve the people of Papua New Guinea: L-R: Mathias (Germany), Jan Ivar (Norway), Joseph (PNG), Corné (Netherlands), Timon (Switzerland), Luke (Australia), Markus (Switzerland), Wilfred (Netherlands), Brad (South Africa), Andy (Great Britain), Tim (Canada), Piet (Netherlands), Glenys (New Zealand), Israel (Great Britain), Arjan (Netherlands), Joël (Switzerland), Paul (Great Britain), Satish (India)

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