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Being in Germany without visiting an aircraft museum is actually not possible for us ... Here we were at the Aeronauticum in Nordholz

## DEAR FRIENDS,

**“I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.”**

**Philippians 1:3-5**

Discussions about climate change, a winter that felt like spring, the killings at Hanau and Coronavirus were probably the biggest headlines of the past three months here in Germany. But more than these topics we were touched by your generous hospitality and your interest in our lives, the numerous visitors who came to our presentations everywhere and who listened with interest to our stories about our work and challenges in Papua New Guinea. Thank you very much for all your attentions and all participation in our work! Truly, we'll take great memories back with us in our hearts, others in our suitcases and some as "hip gold" ... and others as a cash gift for our service with MAF in PNG.

With disinfectant wipes in our hand luggage, we'll set off again, hoping and praying that our flights will all work out and that we will be back in

Mt Hagen next week. PNG has not officially reported any Coronavirus cases. We hope and pray that we and you as well are all spared from a Coronavirus (and influenza) infection!

We just got our new plane tickets. Actually, Mandy would have flown to Bangkok for a training course that has now been postponed to November because of Coronavirus. But we still hold on to our plans very loosely with the current development and decision making of various countries who start closing their borders for (certain) European travellers as the US just did and we have the feeling that Australia might follow. In it all, we need to trust God that he has everything under control. Maybe he is just crying over all the panic here on earth which is so focussed on self care and protection in the light of our earthly well-being but still people don't turn to him for their eternal healing and salvation...

The MAF PNG team is looking forward to having us back. Mathias is urgently needed as a trainer (a first training assignment is scheduled straight after our arrival), and Mandy is needed for a various ground matters...

Thank you for being connected and travelling with us over the distance!

*Lukim yu, Mathias & Mandy*



*On a mission together!*

# VIDEOS FROM PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Fly with us by sitting back in your lounge chair or at your desk and enjoy some MAF PNG scenery



Take offs and Landings in Papua New Guinea



Mathias flying the Cessna Caravan C208



Flights after the February 2018 earthquake



Arrival and first day of operation of P2-MAI

Our videos, which we have shown during our presentations at various churches or flying clubs, are now also available online. Have fun (again...) watching them and "flying with us"! Simply click on the title under the photos and you will get to the corresponding film (this only works in the PDF file).

If you miss the great MAF anniversary film with the small wooden plane in this list, you still have to be patient. It will be officially released in April. Since Mandy was involved in the filming, we had the privilege of having a rough cut version in advance for showing it during our home assignment.

You are also welcome to browse our website:

<http://www.maf-pilot.de>

You will soon find new photo galleries as well as these and older videos, with short English explanations as well. We hope that we can continue to maintain and update the website from Papua New Guinea. A planned training week in Telefomin at the end of March should give Mandy the opportunity to make some updates.

## GERHARD & BRIGITTE STAMM – A LIFE FOR THE LORD OF THE WORLD

### Movies about their life and ministry in Papua New Guinea

Anyone who has known us for a long time and / or has been present at our presentations in the past few weeks knows that Gerhard and Brigitte Stamm are good friends of ours. They also travelled a lot with MAF in Papua New Guinea to do their missionary work in the Sepik area, encourage congregations and to train pastors at their highlands Bible School campus.

In May 2019, a film team from the Liebenzell Mission was in PNG and accompanied the two in their work. Especially after Gerhard's unexpected accident just two months later, these recordings are particularly valuable. We have put together three links which will take you to some special clips.

Be encouraged and challenged to faithfully and happily follow Jesus!

#### Gerhard und Brigitte Stamm – Mit MAF unterwegs nach Niksek

*Gerhard and Brigitte Stamm - On the way to Niksek with MAF*

Mathias has often flown the two to the Sepik area. This was their last MAF flight in May 2019 to April River to visit their friends at Niksek. This film was created as a memorial clip shortly after Gerhard's death, and as a prelude to the other two 30-minute films.

[Click here](#) (3min, German subtitles).

#### Gerhard und Brigitte Stamm – Leben für den Herrn der Welt

*Gerhard and Brigitte Stamm - A Life for the Lord of the World*

Gerhard and Brigitte Stamm have been missionaries to the people of Papua New Guinea for more than 30 years. They have helped, encouraged and taught them a perspective that will last forever. Accompany the two on an exciting journey through their lives and into the bush of New Guinea.

[Click here](#) (30min, German).



#### Goldhändler und Kanufahrer – Leben im Busch

*Gold trader and canoeist - Life in the Bush*

Seth Ferrari lives with his wife Abigail in Papua New Guinea. Covering a bush hut, canoeing down the river and preparing a "mumu" are part of his everyday life. The film accompanies Seth and Abigail through their day and also reports on Gerhard and Brigitte.

[Click here](#) (30min, German).

# BORN BETWEEN HEAVEN AND EARTH!

**A very special medical emergency flight - experienced and reported by our pilot colleague Glenys**

Saturday, 1 February 2020 – just after 10am, as I was sitting down enjoying a coffee with a friend, I received a call from Brad Venter (our Flight Ops Manager) with a request for a medevac. The medevac request came from a village in the Eastern Highlands Province, a 30 minute flight away from Goroka, and it was for a mother who was having difficulty in labour; she'd been labouring for 2 days already.

The request came via Christian Radio Mission Fellowship (CRMF), who not only install and maintain radios in villages like this one, but equally importantly man the other end of the radio to assist in situations just like this one.

Provisionally, on Friday we had refuelled the aircraft with plenty of fuel 'just in case we received a medevac or some other emergency request over the weekend'. Little did we know at

the time that we would need it! Within an hour I was airborne, with clear fine weather and light winds, it was a smooth flight.

I arrived at the village and the patient was ready and waiting, along with a wasmeri (her caregiver, who was the patient's sister). We put her onto a stretcher from the aircraft and loaded her in. We also had one other passenger from the community who wanted to go to town.

So with the passengers secured in the aircraft, and a prayer for strength for this mama, I took off heading for Goroka where this lady could get some medical assistance. However, after being airborne for about only 5 minutes I heard the distinct cry of a baby. Baby had arrived at last in the skies above the Eastern Highlands Province. We decided that we should carry on to Goroka where mum and baby could be checked at the provincial haus sik (hospital).

Brad met us on landing in Goroka, and as the ambulance hadn't arrived, we loaded her in the back of his Cruiser, and drove to the haus sik where the staff quickly took the new born baby to check his health and gave the mum the attention she required. Later, Brad and his wife Michelle went to see the mum and give her some essential items for her stay in the haus sik.

I praise God for the safe arrival of this little one, and being able to play a



small part in it. I certainly won't forget the time I took-off with three passengers and landed with four!

## **Pictures (by Brad Venter)**

1. After landing in Goroka, the baby, wrapped in Glenys' jacket, sleeping between the mother's legs
2. Mother and baby relocated into the Land Cruiser for transportation to the hospital
3. Big smiles and first aid for the baby in the hospital



## **THANK GOD WITH US**

- ▶ For protection while we were traveling all over Germany, without once being stuck in a traffic jam, having an accident or falling sick
- ▶ For enjoyable, encouraging times with family, friends and communities - and some also just for the two of us
- ▶ For the good resources in Germany in terms of health, education, leisure and sales offers etc.

## **PRAY WITH US**

- ▶ For protection and straightforward flights for our return flights to PNG
- ▶ For good arrival and settling into our everyday life in PNG: setting up our house and finding our way back into our areas of responsibility: Mathias as a training and checking pilot and Mandy in Communications and other roles
- ▶ For unity between the management and team of MAF Germany and MAF Papua New Guinea
- ▶ For safety and protection in all flight operations - taking off and landing on the airstrips in PNG is just not "normal"...

# THREE MONTHS CRISS-CROSSING THROUGH GERMANY

Travelling more than 5000 km - from Hegau to Hamburg, from the Ore Mountains to the Westerwald



It was a great pleasure for us to take you into our work, to report on how God uses the MAF flight service to help people in need, or those who are not privileged to have a functioning health and education system.

We were delighted by your interest in the prototype of the MAF PNG board game. We hope that one day it will actually go into production!

We would like to welcome all those who receive our Flight Recorder today for the very first time. Welcome on board and thank you for flying with us!

Walking a tree-top path and travelling on a cogwheel (rack-and-pinion) train, pizza by the metre, chess with a cousin, snow in Auhausen and in the Ore Mountains, learning about German Zeppelin history and planes in Nordholz, walking on the Elbe dyke near Hamburg, city views through our special glass ball, a visit to the Buchenwald concentration camp, walking the city wall tour in Nördlingen, racing Carrera cars, a concert evening with Mandy's sister, playing the MAF mission flight game prototype, a theatre evening and city tour in Weimar, holding hands in public, roast venison, dumplings and Schupfnudeln ... some of the things we very much enjoyed!



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