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# M&M FLIGHTRECORDER



Newsletter from  
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**COMMITTED!**  
20 cm of fresh snow  
the day before a major  
youth mission event. And  
we had the MAF van with  
all the exhibition  
material in our  
courtyard...

## DEAR FRIENDS,

«Trust in the Lord, with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding;  
in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.»

Proverbs 3,5-6

Amidst the moving boxes, not quite set up rooms and unpacked suitcases that are more of an invitation to finally pack them than ready for travel, we would like to send you another Flight Recorder. Our new flat still feels a bit like a temporary solution, reflecting our current state of mind. Many things are here, but they have not yet found their place. For example, a slatted bed frame with a mattress that is far too small is lying on the floor where a suitable double bed will go later. But hurray, we just purchased one the other day for delivery at the end of May!

Our new home doesn't look cosy or comfortable yet, but we can already imagine how it will be. In a few months, it will improve; one thing after another will come together; that curtains, green plants, and decorations will make it homely.

We ourselves feel just as 'unfinished'.

We are currently in a transitional period. Germany is now at the centre of our lives, and Mainz is our new address. New tasks at MAF lie ahead of us. At the same time, our big farewell trip to Papua New Guinea is just around the corner. We will go back one last time to dismantle our cosy home there and say many goodbyes to dear people and places.

We are caught between arriving and letting go, gratitude and melancholy, hope and unanswered questions.

Intense months with health challenges and important decisions are now behind us. Some issues have been resolved, while others are still ongoing. Perhaps this image fits quite well: a flat that is half unpacked, suitcases that are half packed – and a heart that trusts in God, even amidst it all.

Thank you for walking this path with us! Despite all the upheavals, we have inner peace with this new path. We have experienced God's presence through so much encouragement and help and many small miracles along this journey.

*With love, Mathias & Mandy*





# FAQ - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## Questions we regularly get asked

Thanks for all the notes we received through different platforms after our last Flight Recorder. With all the changes going on, we are unfortunately quite behind with personal communication. Please bear with us. But here are (finally...) a few answers.

### Why did you move to Mainz?

We will continue to work for MAF. Since December 2025, the German office of MAF has moved into an hangar building at Mainz-Finthen Airport. At the end of last year, during our limbo phase, we already helped organise the move from Siegen to Mainz.

We are also delighted to have found a flat in the same part of town. This means we can cycle the 4.5 km to the office in 15–20 minutes (if only we had bikes, haha!) or drive there in just under 10 minutes.

God has a sense of humour! We didn't really find Siegen attractive as a potential place to live. Mainz though, was completely unknown to us.

However, it is a beautiful area where tourists come! And to quote Noah, we won't become winegrowers, but we will gladly explore the vineyards of Rheinhessen surrounding Mainz...



### What will you actually be doing at MAF in Germany?

MAF needs employees in many areas worldwide, not just pilots. Mathias's role will be to seek, find and recruit such employees in Germany, accompany them on their journey to their deployment location, and then support them remotely. He will be the new human resources manager at MAF Germany. He will also work on projects for MAF's internal pilot training at the same time.

Mandy will head up public relations, meaning she will be responsible for MAF's public image and media relations in Germany. Essentially, it's a change of focus, shifting from capturing stories in PNG to processing them for print and online publication for German readers.

Both positions were vacant, and we were successful in our applications.

### Could you have stayed and worked in PNG?

Yes, but no. The medical care in PNG for Mathias's heart condition is just not available.



### Will you continue writing newsletters?

Yes! After all, we are still working with MAF on global missions, so we will have plenty to report.

We also expect to have a varied and exciting working life, with experiences worth sharing to encourage you and glorify God.

Thank you for accompanying us on our journey so far, and for your interest in our flight log.

However, we understand if your interests change and you wish to prioritise other things.

### Do you still visit churches for presentations on MAF's work?

Yes, we do! However, our first priority is getting our feet into our new areas of work.

Nevertheless, please feel free to contact us if you would like us to come to your church, home group, youth group, school, flying club or company event. We will certainly find a date that works.

As the MAF team, we also regularly attend various events and conferences. In January, for example, we attended *Jumiko* in Stuttgart (see photo on the right). It was great to meet some of you there!

### Do you still need donations?

Absolutely! MAF is and will always be a charitable organisation, financed by donations. While we are changing our location and tasks, we continue to work towards MAF's main goal of providing help, hope and healing to people in isolated areas.

Although Mathias no longer flies planes loaded with medicines or school supplies to remote grass airstrips, we are now both working in Germany with our team to ensure the continued existence of the active flight service through our administrative activities.

Thank you very much for continuing to support us as your missionaries and for enabling us to extend your reach to Papua New Guinea and other MAF countries in the Asia Pacific Region, in Africa and South America.



### Thank God with us

- ▶ for the many wonderful confirmations we have received since deciding to stay in Germany.
- ▶ that we purchased a car with which we can visit you.
- ▶ that we found an apartment in Mainz with the help of dear brothers and sisters that is within cycling distance of our workplace.
- ▶ that we had a good few first weeks here in Mainz.
- ▶ that Mandy was able to build a good communication team in PNG that is motivated and works well together.

### Please pray with us

- ▶ for a blessed and safe farewell trip to PNG, to finish and farewell well. We need to clear our home in PNG, sell and give away our stuff and what to ship back to Germany.
- ▶ for the people we meet in PNG.
- ▶ for a smooth transition to life in Mainz, for good relationships and that we will find a church.
- ▶ that the gap left by Mathias in the pilot team in PNG to be filled quickly.
- ▶ for Mathias' health to be fully clarified after our return, and for an effective therapy to be found.

## IN THE MEANTIME IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA ...

### New aircraft delivers building materials to remote health facility

"We in Kompiam District are heavily dependent on MAF," says Pastor Jackson Minao, chaplain at Kompiam District Hospital. "If MAF were no longer there, I don't think there would be any other way to build hospitals, transfer patients or send staff to the communities."

A few years ago, a basic health centre was built in Yambaitok, but it has since fallen into disrepair. Durable materials are therefore being flown in for the urgently needed new building.

"This time, we are not using wood," explains Pastor Jackson. "Many wooden buildings have collapsed, so we are opting for steel to ensure that the new aid station will last longer. That's why we are having these materials flown in."

The project is one of several initiatives by Kompiam District Hospital, a Baptist Union service, to provide medical care to remote and underserved communities. Without road access, air transport is often the

only option, and thus MAF becomes essential.

"In Yambaitok and all the other aid stations we operate, there are no road connections to the hospital," emphasises Pastor Jackson. "We depend on MAF for everything."

MAF aircraft transport building materials, medicines, patients and staff, providing vital assistance and hope to regions that would otherwise be virtually inaccessible.

(Story: Michelle Dauth, Photo: Jan Klassen)



### Vanille - A precious bean or an orchid?

Its sweet scent hangs in the air, telling the story of hope and hard work in the mountains of Papua New Guinea. For the farmers of the remote Karimu'i district, vanilla, alongside coffee and cocoa, is more than just a delicate aroma. It is their livelihood. Thousands of smallholders tend their plants with great care. However, before the precious pods and fruits reach the airstrip, it often takes days of arduous walking across rivers and steep paths.

Mopa Paleah collects the villagers' vanilla harvest, sells it and brings back the money earned. Many of our MAF friends and colleagues, as well as ourselves, buy vanilla from Mopa.

The families are happy to use the money to buy food, tools and building materials, as well as paying for their children's school fees.

MAF's support is crucial to all of this. Our aircraft transport fresh vanilla, as well as sacks full of coffee and cocoa beans, to wholesale markets in Goroka and Mt. Hagen. In this way, the beguiling scent of vanilla offers families a real prospect for the future and a tangible blessing.

(Story & Photo: Aquila Matit)



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