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THE EADIES



"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch..."
Jeremiah 23:5



From Papua - Seasons Greetings!



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Earlier this year we began using **Epistle** to send out ministry updates. This will eventually take the place of us sending out these newsletters. Through Epistle, we've enjoyed sending out short, real-time updates via email at the frequency you prefer. This has proven to be an effective way for us to communicate more of what is going on here as we serve with MAF. **Please use this link to subscribe:**

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If you have any questions, please reach out to us at beadie@maf.org

Here are a few stories with pics that we posted in Epistle since arriving back in Papua in August:

Power for Clinics & Schools

In Papua, we have our very own IT department, something not every MAF program has! But beyond keeping MAF operational, we have been able to find ways for our MAF IT staff to use their skillset to bless ministries MAF partners with right here in the interior of Papua.

Recently, we helped support solar power installations at both SLH schools and Siloam nursing clinics located at two different villages interior. These schools and nursing clinics partner with MAF to bring schooling and some basic healthcare to villages that have neither. Having power in places like this usually means running a generator. At one of the schools, the teachers and students had been surviving on two hours of power a day!



With the solar install complete, the school had power to spare, and the teachers could enjoy the luxury of a refrigerator to keep food from rotting between aircraft supply deliveries. Of course, a fridge is not a luxury, but a necessity, unless you want to eat sweet potatoes 24/7!

It is a beautiful thing to see people from different places with different skills and giftings working for the common goal of loving others as Christ loves us; to make Him known in even the hardest to reach places. Thank you for the part you play; for how you both pray for and support the work being done here!



A Tough Day

One Friday in October turned out to be a rather tough day. As you know, we support a number of schools in isolated interior villages in Papua. On Friday, a young teacher from one of the interior schools we support was attacked outside of her village. We received an emergency request for a medivac flight but unfortunately, she died right near our airplane before she could be loaded. Since she is not from the mountain areas of Papua but from the coastlands, we flew her body, along with her husband and some co-workers, out to Sentani. It was a devastating way to end the week, as some of our MAF staff personally knew this woman and her husband.

As I thought through what happened a passage of scripture popped into my mind:

"But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our bodies." (2nd Cor. 4:7-10)

This teacher, along with her husband, knew full well the potential dangers of choosing to serve in this location, but they had a desire to follow God's calling and to go where they were needed. The power of the gospel is not dependent on us; it is the power of God. And we have this power in us, Christ in us! This great treasure we have cannot be taken away, it can't be defeated. Although we mourn, although we are devastated, we are *not* defeated.



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Preparing to unload the body at our Sentani MAF hangar.



We don't know exactly why this happened, but it appears it was an isolated incident, not a larger security concern affecting surrounding villages. But this type of violence seems to be increasing in Papua. Serving interior in these schools - which is so desperately needed - is a very real danger for these young teachers. Please pray for her family and friends as they mourn and process this loss. Please also pray for this village, as all the teachers have been evacuated and the students now have no school. Please pray for peace, and that Christ will be known to these young kids growing up in the small, unknown parts of Papua. (Ben)

Thank you!

Amy and I want to thank you for continuing to support our ministry with MAF. Just as God uses many people with different giftings to allow a Bible translation to happen in the mountain jungles of Papua, it is people like you who enable our family to be here and MAF to operate as we do.

Ben & Amy