



Jess and Elliott making new friends at the market!

WHAT DO YOU THINK IS MAF NEW ZEALAND'S NUMBER ONE PRIORITY?

We can have the aircraft, the fuel, the teachers, pastors and medical teams that urgently need to reach isolated areas. We can have the landing strips, the building supplies and educational materials...*but if we don't have the right staff, the MAF planes can't fly.* And at this point, there are many key positions overseas that urgently need to be filled. If just one of these positions is vacant, it impacts on the whole programme—and in turn on all those who depend on MAF's aviation services!

**SENDING NEW STAFF TO THE MISSION FIELD IS OUR
NUMBER ONE PRIORITY!**

We are doing everything we can to fill the vacancies. We get the word out across New Zealand through our website, public events, speaking in churches, publications, social media, radio and so on. Once we have found the right people, we train, equip and resource them until they are ready to head overseas to put their skills and experience to work with MAF.

We look for very special people who are:

- Already equipped with technical skills as pilots, aviation engineers or managers
- Passionate about walking with Jesus in every area of their lives
- Willing to give up their security and comfort, pack their bags and head off into unknown lands to serve the Lord
- Willing to spend time sharing their vision with friends and churches in order to build a strong prayer and financial support team

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Let's look at just one such family, who recently left New Zealand at the end of March to serve overseas with MAF.

Benji, Jess and Elliott tell their story...



Jess writes: We have been here for six months now. Although things were a little overwhelming as we settled into PNG, the other families in the MAF programme welcomed us in—which gave us a sense of belonging from the start. This was even more true when riots erupted outside our compound fence. I received so many calls from wives in the other compounds checking that we were all OK!

As you can see, Elliott loves going to the hangar with Dad. Watching him beginning to learn *Pidjin* words from his national friend—and how his confidence has grown in many areas—has been such a relief and a precious thing to see.



One of the highlights for both of us has been our language course, which involved taking a MAF flight to a rural mission hospital compound deeper in the Highlands for two weeks. I have never learned another language so it was a challenge but I so appreciated the many nationals who were willing to help us.

Being able to communicate even the basics in the local language has made a big difference to adjusting and functioning as part of the community and has helped me navigate the large, muddy and busy local fruit and vege market on my own. A definite victory in itself!

Benji has already been able to provide some great support to the busy and faithful MAF PNG engineering team that keep the MAF planes in the air. With his many years of aviation knowledge he has become a valuable part of the team. He loves brainstorming solutions and teaching tips of the trade to apprentices! In the photo (right) Benji is himself being supervised as he does a propeller overhaul.

Even after just six months here we already feel that we have been able to contribute to MAF's work in PNG! We are really looking forward to making a difference in the years to come!





We urgently need to send more staff like the Hunts to our programmes in places like PNG, South Sudan, Kenya, Arnhem Land and Timor Leste!

The Principle of Multiplication

You can see what a significant difference just one family like the Hunts has already made in such a short time? Just imagine what they will be adding over the years to come.

Then multiply what the Hunts will be able to achieve by five...*because our goal is to have five new staff head to the field each year.* That's five individuals or families heading overseas in 2020 to serve with MAF! And another five the year after that! You can see the principle of multiplication at work.

But there is a cost to this. Your gift today will help us keep recruiting and sending staff into the mission field. Will you join us?

**Be a part of sending urgently needed staff overseas—
please make a gift of \$55, \$105 or even \$215 today!**



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be 'Mark Fox', written over a light blue grid background.

Mark Fox, MAF NZ CEO

Thank you so much for your gifts and prayers. **This is a tax deductible donation.**