

Greetings dear friends,

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Then Jesus called for the children and said to the disciples, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children." Luke 18:16 (NLT) I just love Jesus' heart for children, don't you? Children are so trusting and accepting—their lives aren't cluttered with the stuff of life that can make it hard to see God's love. They see His Love, they hear His Voice, and they respond to His Call. Let me tell you how this fleshes out in one corner of the world with MAF's help.

Naomi Pandin Sangian is an Indonesian Christian missionary working with AWANA (a weekly children's Bible program). She and her team provide training for 82 churches in the mountainous Puncak Jaya area of Papua, and that is where MAF comes in. You see, these churches are so remote that flying with MAF to these villages is the only practical way to get there. Since January,



Naomi has been able to make trips (via MAF planes) to Mulia, Ilu, and Ilaga. Translation of the AWANA materials into the Western Dani language, initial training with these indigenous churches, and follow-up training are all part of reaching Dani kids with the Love of Christ.



Would you join us praying for the expansion of AWANA's ministry into the highlands of Papua? Yes, there are challenges, but there is also so much excitement among the churches in these areas to teach and disciple their children. The AWANA clubs now being formed will have a great impact in this isolated area. And, we know that as the kids memorize Scriptures and learn the truths contained in them that good fruit will be produced in their lives.



Partnership is such a beautiful part of MAF's ministry across the world: whether we are engaged in disaster relief in Nepal, helping combat an Ebola outbreak in Congo, or reaching the Dani children in Indonesia, MAF is an integral part of our Lord's work. Your partnership with us in MAF's ministry directly connects you with outreach in many places, and among many peoples that need His loving touch in their lives. Thanks so much. We couldn't do this without you.

We are having our own excitement here in MAF's training department too. Spring and fall are the times when we have new pilot/mechanics coming here for their technical evaluations. It is a long process for anyone following the Lord's leading into mission aviation, and hearing their journey and getting to know them (not just as aviation professionals, but as brothers in Christ with a heart for service) is great. I just love this part of our ministry, and this spring I am blessed to be able to do two of these evaluations. Later on, these folks will come back to us for further training before they go to their field assignments—then they will be adding stories to how God is working.



On the home front here in Nampa, your partnership with us impacts the lives of culturally isolated people too. In our last letter, I mentioned our planned Easter potluck and outreach. Well, it went quite well and we had a really good time with lots of great food. We trust seeds were planted among those who attended. We can tell in our interactions and conversations

that real growth is occurring. We see folks leaning on Jesus and His Word, wrestling with significant issues, and arriving at Christ-honoring conclusions. You are an integral part of this aspect of our ministry too. Thanks so much.



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