



## Greetings from the staff at MAFNZ!

Jan-Feb 2010



### Mark, Emma, Aggie & Kaye

### Thank you for your support and prayers throughout 2009

We look forward to the New Year ahead and the exciting things God has in store for Mission Aviation Fellowship. Throughout the last year we have seen MAF change and grow in many areas. It is a privilege to be a part of this work here in New Zealand, and we are grateful for your ongoing support and encouragement.

### RIDEtoFLY Wrap Up

This promotional event to raise funds for a new MAF plane in Papua New Guinea took place from 13-26 of November 2009.

The ride was a great tool for promoting MAF and its vital work, especially in PNG, and a large amount of PNG coffee was sold via LatitudeSix. Over \$NZ40,000 have been donated so far, with funds still coming in from generous donors. We were touched by the generosity and hospitality of the people we met along the way. It was wonderful to meet with supporters in towns and churches throughout New Zealand, and our thanks goes to Frank & Ruth Carter and their amazing team – Peter Carter, Jim & Ruth McBride, Noel Stevens and Geoff Given.

### Welcome to Godfrey and Glen Sims



Hospitality and farming, were resources she brought to that demanding role.

Godfrey was born in Wewak, PNG, to missionary parents, and grew up amongst the Wape people at Eritei in the Sandaun Province, immersed in

Glen returned to MAF in August 2005 after a 30yr break. She was appointed as Administration Manager and then General Manager at Mareeba Engineering base, QLD. At the beginning of 2008 she was recruited to PNG as HR Manager. Her strong organisational and management skills drawn from experience in Finance, Administration,



Mark and Aggie on the DOT motorbike in Te Puke, North Island



Emma and Mark with the DOT and a plane at Mosgiel Airfield, South Island



Emma and Mark with the DOT in Bluff, South Island – the last stop on the DOT's journey of 2,200km

local culture and language. At 9 yrs old, he went to a missionary children's hostel at Wewak, later boarding in Christchurch for secondary schooling. He continued visits to maintain village and family ties at his Eritei home, and also returned to work as a teacher in both Passam and Goroka. Godfrey has pioneered new creative work in the performing arts and in education. He has worked in formal and non-formal community arts education, both in PNG and NZ, spanning 25 years. For several years Godfrey has felt called by God to return to PNG as a missionary.

Glen and Godfrey met in 2008 at MAF in Mt. Hagen during one of Godfrey's visits back to PNG. Following their marriage in 2009, they return to MAF- PNG in Mt Hagen in February 2010. Glen continues as HR Manager, and Godfrey will undertake a multi-faceted support role, in which he can contribute language knowledge and experience in cross-cultural training.



## **FAREWELL to the McBride Family**

Ian and Nikki McBride, and their children, Jonathan, Braiden, Katie-Jayne, Lachlan and Callum, are returning to New Zealand in January 2010.

Ian's role in Arnhem Land has been as Manager for the programme there. His responsibilities included leadership, encouragement and inspiration for staff to enable them to fulfil MAF's mission to the Yolngu people, and ensuring that pastoral care is available to MAF Arnhem Land staff.

Nikki was involved with the many women's ministries associated with MAF, including hospitality for the many staff and visitors that transit through Arnhem Land, meals for families in need, fellowship, prayer and study times together.

Ian and Nikki previously served with MAF in the Northern Territories for over ten years, and have lived and worked in many of the communities/programmes that they were overseeing. Their experience and understanding of the work has been invaluable. The McBrides have been a vital part of MAF's work in Arnhem Land, and a blessing to the people there. We commend them for their years of service and wish them all God's best as they seek Him in this new phase of their lives.

Yours to help transform the world

Mark Fox  
Chief Executive

## **Update: MAFNZ AGM 2009**

*In 2009, MAFNZ was honored to have the International CEO of MAFNZ, Ron Pritz, and his wife, Mikel Ann, join us for our Annual General Meeting in Auckland. The meeting went well and was followed with Ron as our guest speaker.*

## **From the McBrides**

*"We are thankful for the opportunity to have served with MAF over 14 years, and are sad to leave behind so many friends and the work in Arnhem Land, having first arrived here in 1994. Our hearts and prayers will always be a part of this area and the work of MAF. Please pray for wisdom and guidance for the management as they place a new family in the role of Programme Manager here in Arnhem Land. Pray for us as we settle into Te Puke, NZ, as the children establish into schools, and as we all move into a different way of life."*