

# LUDVICEK FLIGHT REPORT



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## Five Students...

... born in the mountains of Papua, left the island last month for the very first time and got off the airplane into a whole new world: America. Assaulted by the newness of the winter cold, of trips to Costco and American food, these students are braving the waters of American universities in order to return to Papua equipped to serve and lead their people.



*Quite the transformation: from village children with no opportunity of schooling - to graduating high school and accepted in universities.*

At just six or seven years old, this group boarded an MAF airplane for the first time, leaving their remote mountain village destined for the big town of Sentani and Sekolah Papua Harapan (Papua Hope School or SPH). Since this very first class began their journey nearly 13 years ago, they have been joined by 1,000 other students in 7 remote Papuan villages who would have had no chance at even a basic education without this remarkable organization.



*Excited and cold, the students survey their new campus home*

*July 2019 Erik finally got his hands on the controls of an airplane*



Erik plans to return to Papua as a MAF pilot/mechanic to serve his own village!

Over the years, MAF has had the opportunity to support SPH by bringing students home to their families at summer and Christmas breaks. As the organization has grown to include interior schools, we have also flown teachers, school and building supplies, and clinic workers to and from their remote locations. We have also had the chance to step forward in more personal ways through MAF internships and hosting students in our homes.

One of these students, Erik, stayed with our family during his MAF internship in the summer of 2019. Alex was able to take him on flights, and we relished watching his English skills improve markedly, as he spent evenings with us over the course of those two weeks. While he was improving his skills, our understanding of Papuan life and culture was expanded as well. Today, Erik is living in Oregon as he finishes his English courses at Corbin University before he begins attending Moody Aviation in the fall. He looks forward to coming back to Papua and serving his family and friends in his little mountain village in the years to come.



Please keep Erik, his fellow students, and the organization’s teachers and leaders in your prayers as they seek to honor God in their lives and work. The obstacles they face are great, but our God is greater.

**2 Corinthians 1:10-11** *“On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many.”*

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

After over a decade of faithful service (just over 4,000 hours in Papua!), our Nabire Kodiak PK-MAX was burned by an armed group of men after a flight serving the village of Pagamba. This is a disappointment to us all, but we have assurance that our Sovereign God has a plan that is above us all and that this situation will bring Him glory.

After over two months, Team Nabire now has a new plane to call its own. PK-MEE arrived early this month and already we have been hard at work serving Papuans who have been clearly missing the service. It was donated in honor of George Boggs, the man who coincidentally opened up the Nabire base in 1958! Pray that our new aircraft will be used as a tool for the gospel. Also pray for protection for years to come, so that many who are isolated here will have the opportunity to receive the the love of Jesus and respond to His gospel.



Thank you to all who have been praying for us. We are doing well and excited to start flying again. Continue to pray for peace to come to our area of Papua.



Thank you for your support

Peace and Love,  
Alex, Trish, Jackson & Benaya

