

Messiah Lutheran Church of Camrose

WORLD MISSION MONTH 2021

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

"But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed?

And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard?

And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?

And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent?"

Romans 10:13-15

Each week, in January, 2021, a different person or family is being featured.

The fourth ministry to be featured is that of
Ryan and Shiv Cole
who serve with Mission Aviation Fellowship in
Papua New Guinea, located north of Australia.



Their ministry,
motivated by a call from the Lord Jesus,
is dependent on the loving support of
individuals who are moved to provide
prayer and finance as they are able.
More details may be obtained
from the Chairperson of the
World Mission Group.

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To God be the Glory !

January, 2021

Ryan and Siobhain (Shiv) Cole

Ryan Cole:

"I'm a pilot currently flying the C208 Caravan in Papua New Guinea.

"I grew up in Alberta in a strong Christian family. I call Brownfield my home. I attended Prairie Bible College where I earned my pilot's license. In 2008, following God's leading, I joined Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) and served with the "Flying Mission Services" in Botswana, flying medical evacuation flights (medivacs) until 2011. After returning to Canada, I spent two years flying in northern Alberta.

"In 2013, God reaffirmed my calling to serve with MAF and in 2016 I was called to Papua New Guinea. As an MAF pilot, I serve isolated communities in PNG by providing access to essential services that greatly impact the physical and spiritual well-being of the people living in these areas."

One of the most important aspects of this ministry is the flying of sick persons from remote locations to a central hospital. An example of that can be seen by clicking on this two-minute video:

<https://youtu.be/D56mhde07zk>

Siobhain (Shiv) Cole:

"My job title is Operations Support which includes a lot of things, like training our local staff to use MAF's flight booking computer software, dealing with complex booking requests involving multiple aircraft and writing a manual for our Ground Operations Department. I also look after MAF's transit house in Telefomin and provide hospitality to visiting MAF staff, along with my neighbours. I also enjoy being an active part of the Ladies' Fellowship group at our church in Telefomin which meets on Saturdays.

"I grew up in military communities in England and Germany. After university, I followed in the footsteps of my parents and grandfather by joining the Royal Air Force (RAF). I worked in logistics and airport management in London, Scotland, and the Falkland Islands.

"After leaving the RAF in 2013, God led me to MAF. I have been in PNG since 2014 using my skills and experience in various strategic roles within the Operations Department.

"Ryan and I were married in July, 2017, in England. "Spare time, what's that? I also enjoy baking, blogging, arts & crafts and board games."

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MAF is a Christian organization whose mission is to bring help and hope to people in need by the use of light aircraft and using other technologies in isolated parts of the world. Since 1946, MAF has been spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ in places of deepest human need where flying is not a luxury, but a lifeline.

Whether it's transporting relief supplies to a refugee camp, or flying doctors to a remote village, MAF's "Wings of Love" bring more than just tools and supplies to a hurting world - MAF brings the Gospel of God's love in a tangible way.

MAF pilots and support staff (mechanics, schedulers, teachers of staff children, etc) are supported in prayer and with charitable donations. See MAF Canada's website.

Another video, with smaller videos contained in it, which readers might enjoy viewing can be seen by clicking on this address:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c35NNZdwJCA&t=37s>

On the next page are two short descriptions of activities related to Ryan Cole's flying experiences.

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Article submitted by Ray Blacklock from materials submitted by Ryan and Shiv, and from MAF promotional materials.

A Couple of Glimpses into the Life of a Pilot in PNG

It's hot work!



Whilst you, in the northern hemisphere, are all pulling on your gloves and woolly hats, here in the tropics the weather hasn't changed much!

In Telefomin it often gets up to around 28 degrees C in the middle of the day, but we're almost a mile high in the mountains. Our local friends call Telefomin "cold place". Ryan daily flies to airstrips lower in altitude, the lower he gets, the hotter it gets, and sadly he rarely gets the pleasure of landing by the ocean and enjoying a nice sea breeze.

In the picture you can see him chugging back water, with a very sweaty back. This is the same for him all-year-round in PNG!

There are only 2 training pilots currently in PNG and, thanks to COVID, it is really hard to get any others in country. As such, we didn't think Ryan would be able to get his Advanced Airstrip Training (AAT) done this year.

However, Ryan's boss, Brad (pictured), the Flight Operations Manager, decided that getting Ryan through this training and able to fly into a few more airstrips was high priority.

Brad kindly left his family in Goroka and came to Telefomin for 2 nights to train Ryan towards the end of November. So now Ryan is able to fly to more locations and help more remote & isolated people. Thanks Brad!



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