

Medevacs (and a thank you!)



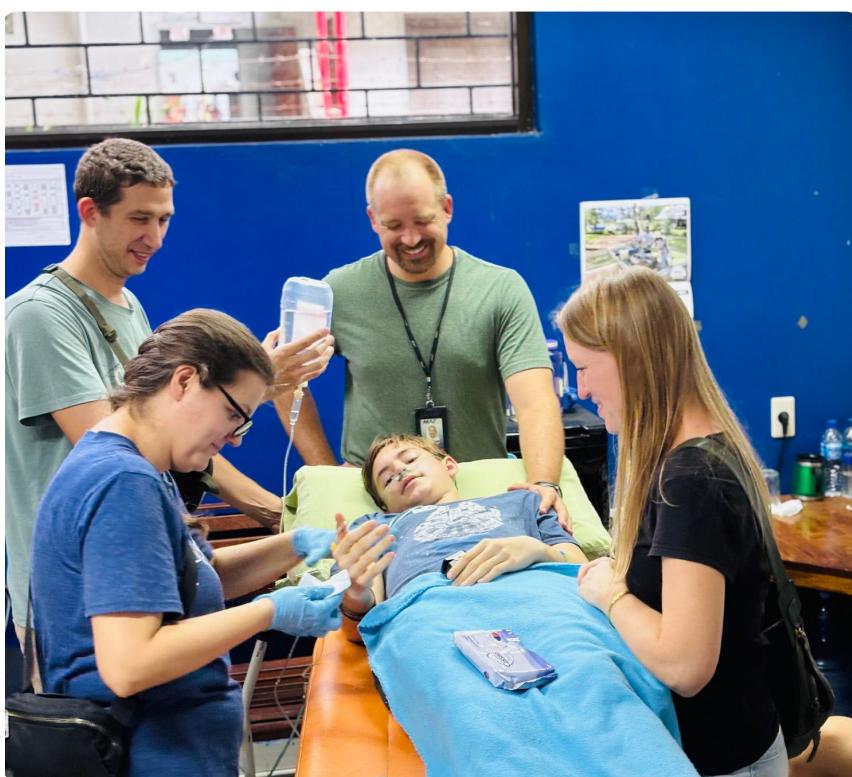
Loading the Wycliffe / JAARS PC-12 for departure to Australia.

Happy New Years!

I want to **thank each of you** (individuals, families, and church communities) that have prayed over our family, our community and especially the Bilimeks these past couple of weeks. It is appreciated. On top of Janae's passing, our community has dealt with three other medical emergencies in December that ended up as medevacs in the mission community (two were other mission orgs, one was MAF). This is beyond unusual, in fact it really is unprecedented. To put into perspective, before 2024 no one here can remember a member of MAF needing a medevac out of country since the 1990's. Since 2024, we've had three.

One of these medevacs involved a 15-year-old boy named Aaron who was also sick with Dengue, it went to Cairns, Australia. Amy ended up going along with this flight as she was asked by the nurse to be extra help and support. Thankfully, Aaron recovered well and is back here in Sentani, and Amy ended up only being gone overnight and returned on the 23rd in time for Christmas...Which I was very thankful for!

If you've followed us over the years, you've read many, many stories of medevacs on MAF aircraft moving people from the jungle to the hospitals available in the larger centers where we live. I'm not sure how to describe, in just a few words, the layers of feelings that come up when you are flying out one of your own loved ones from the very place you fly in others. There's a level of desperation and helplessness that gives another level of appreciation of the opportunity MAF has to serve people in their deepest moments of need, to love them in their deep need. There's also some guilt to work through. The sobering reality is that we westerners come from developed countries with medical insurance that open doors that don't even exist for the vast majority of Papuans and Indonesians living on this island. But there is also profound gratitude. I



Keeping an eye on Aaron before loading into the aircraft





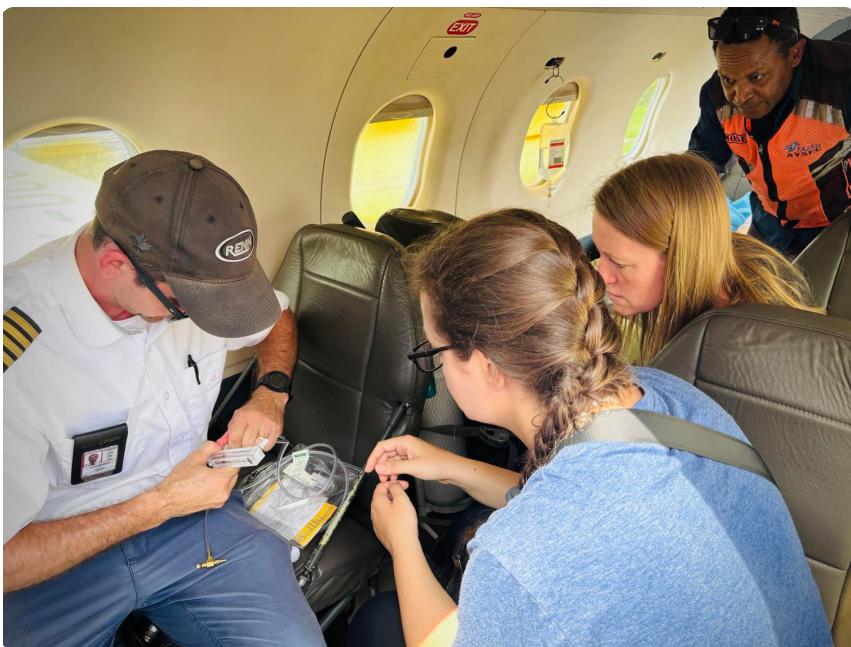
A hot Sentani day! Moving Aaron across the ramp to the aircraft.

am so thankful for what God has given us. I am also thankful for the care MAF is positioned to provide those in isolated communities in this part of the world; care that they would otherwise not receive.

And again, I want to pass this gratitude on to you: **Thank you.** Our family could not serve in Papua without your support. You are a part of how God is using His people to love on the least, last and lost in this part of the world.



Loading Aaron into the plane.



Yajasi pilot giving Amy & Carly instructions on how to change oxygen bottles during the flight.

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