# Woodington



### Big Year 2016

#### Post furlough...

#### ...our first big meet in two years

After our trip to the UK at the end of 2015 our family met up and took a two week break together. It was the first time for two years we were all in the same place





## Back to the heart of things...

...Once back in Wewak we quickly got into the swing of things again. Together with SIL, Paul and MAF Pilot Mathias Glass were able to open a new airstrip for the community of Gebrau, 6400ft up in the mountains.

This was so exciting, that is until the weather turned bad at 10am in the morning and everyone were forced to stay the

#### Before the Storm

#### Big Celebration...

... The community were very excited. They cooked over 20 pigs in underground ovens called, Mumus. There were eight of us from MAF and SIL. We stayed in a traditional bush hut, complete with a very smoky central fire and mud floor.





#### Back at the Ranch (compound)...

... Clare has been very busy feeding MAF workmen from Hagen. Our national staff housing is having a much need refurbishment. Together with Betty, Clare has provided a non-stop catering service for the workmen. Betty and Sebastian are the other MAF family with us in Wewak.

#### **Tribal Fighting**

... There is a long standing feud between the Highlanders and the Sepik lowland people.

Our workmen are from Hagen in the highlands, but have come to Wewak and live and work with us in our compound. The local Sepik people have been stoning them and making life very hard when they go outside. In Madang which is the next large coastal town to us, many killings have taken place.

Therefore, Clare provides accomodation and food so our workmen can stay in our compound.



#### **Missionaries and Medevac**

... Dominate the work we are doing here in Wewak. Each day we either fly a missionary team into a village, or bring a missionary family out of a village. This year we have flown over twenty different mission organisations across the Sepik and Highlands, and this just from Wewak. If we are not flying Missionaries we are attending to Medical Evacuations. Last week Paul flew a young boy who fell out of a Coconut Tree, breaking his arm in two places, crushed his rubs and suffered a broken leg as well. Below is todays picture of a Women with a broken leg and alongside a German Missionary, both from Maramuni, 4800ft up in the mountains.







Ready to depart in bad weather after flying missionaries to Sibilanga

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# scrapbook



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## the picture



This picture Paul took after the storm in Gebrau. The left side of this traditional bush hut is where the eight of us unexpectedly stated the night.

#### Praise the Lord

for a safe start to the year of flying
for all the people we helped here in PNG
for our MAF staff and families in Wewak
Please Pray for Complete Healing of those we Medevac'ed out of the bush

A special prayer for an outreach to the Sepik villages starting June 3rd this year. Support and Donations Would you like to receive family updates? We send them out every three or four months.

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