



Port Moresby, 7th May 2026

**MEDIA STATEMENT**

**Celebrating 75 Years of Service by Missionary Aviation Fellowship (MAF) in Papua New Guinea**



Today, I join the people of Papua New Guinea in celebrating a remarkable milestone, the 75th Anniversary of Missionary Aviation Fellowship (MAF) and its enduring service to our nation.

For seventy five years, MAF has stood as a lifeline to the most remote and isolated communities across our country.

In a land defined by rugged terrain and limited road infrastructure, MAF has consistently bridged the gap, bringing hope, connection, and opportunity where it is needed most.

On behalf of the Government and the Ministry of Civil Aviation, I extend our deepest gratitude to MAF for its unwavering commitment to rural Papua New Guinea.

Your contributions in airlifting medical supplies, transporting the sick and vulnerable, supporting education services, and enabling the delivery of essential goods have transformed countless lives.

MAF's role in connecting rural farmers and small businesses to markets has also strengthened local economies, empowering communities to participate meaningfully in national development.



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This is not merely aviation, it is nation-building at its most practical and compassionate level.

As Minister for Civil Aviation, I also acknowledge MAF as a key strategic partner in advancing the mandates of the Rural Airstrips Agency (RAA).

Your continued operations complement government efforts to maintain and expand rural airstrip infrastructure, ensuring that no community is left behind.

Importantly, we recognize MAF's profound contribution to the spiritual life of our nation.

Through its dedicated support to churches and Christian missions, MAF has played a vital role in advancing God's Great Commission, enabling the Gospel to reach even the most remote corners of Papua New Guinea.

Your partnership with churches and Christian communities continues to strengthen faith, hope, and unity across our land.

As we celebrate this milestone, I encourage MAF to continue its noble mission with renewed strength and vision.

The Government of Papua New Guinea remains committed to working alongside you to enhance aviation services and expand access to our rural population.

May the next 75 years of MAF's service be even more impactful, as together we build a more connected, inclusive, and prosperous Papua New Guinea.

Happy 75th Anniversary, and thank you for your extraordinary service.

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**Hon. Wake Goi, MP  
Minister for Civil Aviation**