

# RACHEL'S REPORT

## Serving with Mission Aviation Fellowship in Papua, Indonesia

Dear Family and Friends,

One Christmas tradition my family has is doing puzzles together. Since coming to Papua, I have not kept this tradition going because I have personally never seen puzzles sold on the island. This year, I feel as if I have been trying to figure out how the puzzle pieces of my life are fitting together. Some of the pieces still have me stumped, but with others, I can rejoice in how I have seen God moving.

**One way I have seen God working is through the different opportunities He has opened up for me to serve my community, especially through high school ministry.** This semester I

have been blessed to help with a high school Bible study and to chaperone events. I pray I will continue to be able to be a godly mentor for these students with any future involvement I may have with them.

As I mentioned in my last letter, I started this school year in a new grade once again. I am constantly challenged as I come to realizations of what second graders are developmentally ready for. **I am being**

**stretched as I try to readjust my expectations for this group of students, yet I am grateful to work with these sweet kids and their parents.**

At the end of November, a little over 20 of our teaching staff attended the International Christian Educators Conference (ICEC) in Jakarta. **This was a much-needed break from teaching, and I thoroughly enjoyed the luxuries of a modern city, the educational and encouraging sessions, and the bonding of relationships within the Hillcrest teaching staff.** I came back from the conference with joy and excitement to finish out the semester.

### Ministry Partnership

I am in my third year with MAF. Thank you so much to all of you who are giving and who have faithfully given. If you aren't one of my ministry partners already, it would be an honor to have you partner with me in this ministry by giving monthly, quarterly, or annually.

HS activities



Bible study shoes

2nd grade



Chaperoning a "Wild West" event



Miss Holsten's coloring with us?!



Fort Day

ICEC







The K-12 campus where ICEC was held



HIS teachers at ICEC



Shopping in Jakarta

Daboto students



The most special part of my time in Jakarta, however, was in a place with a group of people I had no previous idea that I would be meeting. I heard about this group of Moi boys and girls this summer after they completed their elementary education in their village of Daboto. MAF flew them from Daboto to Sentani where they were then flown commercially to Jakarta so they could continue their education. After ICEC finished, a few of us had the chance to visit these students at the school where they are currently studying and living. I am so appreciative of the opportunity I had to meet them. **Sometimes I can become numb to the amazing things God is doing around Papua and in Indonesia, but hearing their stories helped me to connect the huge sacrifices they and their families have made to further their education.** Meeting them was like putting a piece into the puzzle.



They reminded me of how God has a special plan

for each one of us. Some days are difficult and discouraging, and it seems like the puzzle will never be put together. However, other days the puzzle pieces seem to click together, and I'm reminded of God's faithfulness.

Rachel

## Praises

- ◆ My 2nd grade class has been a joy to work with!
- ◆ ICEC was very encouraging and refreshing.

## Requests

- ◆ I need wisdom in knowing how to teach 2nd grade at the levels they need.
- ◆ I want to be continually in awe of what God is doing in my life and in the lives of others. I don't want to become numb to what He is doing.

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