

# RACHEL'S REPORT

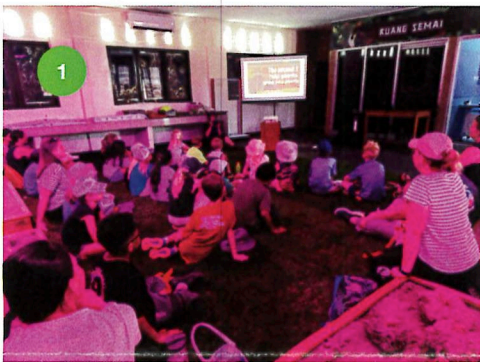
## Serving with Mission Aviation Fellowship in Papua, Indonesia

Dear Family and Friends,

*Is there a task you thought you would never do because you were not gifted in a certain skill set? For me, that task was organizing and leading a **field trip**. Whenever opportunities for leadership skills arise, I tend to flee as far and as fast away as I can. Leadership and organizational skills are areas I am seeking to grow in, but they don't come naturally to me. The thought of organizing details for a field trip in a foreign country terrified me, but **God was faithful to place certain people in my path who were more than willing to help organize details, drive, or chaperone.***

### Ministry Partnership

Your generosity and sacrifice make it possible for me to teach in Papua, which makes it possible for our MAF families to stay and serve long-term. Thank you for your partnership in ministry through your prayers, words of encouragement, and financial support. Would you consider becoming a financial partner with me on a monthly basis so that I may continue serving here in Papua now and through the next school year?



We watched videos about plant parts and washing hands in the “pink room.”

*What kind of field trips*

*are available for elementary kids in Papua? In the past, elementary students from HIS have taken field trips to the fire department, post office, MAF and YAJASI (JAARS' aviation affiliate in Indonesia) hangars, and even a chocolate “factory.” This year, however, a new field trip location was brought to our faculty's attention. **Waibu Agro Edu Tourism is an organization that encourages classes to come to their property to learn about agriculture!** The field trip did not disappoint. While I could spend pages giving dry descriptions of how we spent our morning, I think pictures will do the day and the place more justice.*



Students identified plant parts and viewed a leaf under a microscope.



Students got their hands dirty as they learned about fertilizer.



Students planted *kangkung* seeds in the garden boxes.





A favorite part of the day was harvesting the spinach.



Don't forget to wash your hands after playing in the dirt!



Lots of big smiles at the end of a sunny day.

What were my takeaways? 🌱 I am grateful for the vocational and life lessons I gained

through this experience. 🌱 I was blessed to have support from my principal, fellow teachers, and students' parents who made this day possible and FUN! 🌱 I love seeing locals find ways to support their economy. It was especially awesome seeing an avenue that engages local schools.

**🌱 Although it was a huge task to undertake, I actually really enjoyed the process of heading up a field trip, but I think one is enough for this year.**

### Praises

- ✿ The first-grade teacher has greatly blessed me as she mentors me in teaching lower elementary.
- ✿ My cousin Alison came to visit me for two weeks in February!
- ✿ I am excited to sign a contract to teach for a 4th year with MAF in Papua!

Rachel



### Requests

- ✿ Several MAF families in Papua have had sick kids who have been hospitalized in and out of Indonesia. This has been challenging for our MAF and HIS communities.
- ✿ I would love wisdom in knowing what concepts I need to emphasize for my students as the school year quickly comes to a close.

### Student Takeaways

- "I learned that I should wash my hands before I eat."
- "My favorite part was riding in the BOB (a 12-passenger school vehicle)."
- "I learned how to pick spinach."

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