

# Feunekes Flightpath

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### Back to Canada...

We made it back home again! January 7th we left Sentani and arrived in Jakarta. We stayed at a hotel in the airport so we didn't have far to go after arriving. The next day we met Hendra from MAF and we took a taxi to Jakarta. There we first visited an audiologist to see if they could fulfill Christiaan's needs if we were to go back. They have a very nice clinic and are very well equipped to test, repair, and sell hearing aids in addition to having a lab that makes ear molds. For lunch we went to a restaurant that specializes in *fast* food. Before we were even seated the food was on the table. They have many small plates of different kinds of food already prepared which they arrange on your table in addition to a big bowl of steaming rice. They also brought us plates of fruit. When we had eaten what we wanted they came and only charged us for the plates we had tried. The uneaten ones seemed to go right back to where they started.... Hmm... The food was interesting and mostly quite spicy. Then we went to

the World Trade Centre whereupon we cleared security, visited the Canadian embassy and then the Malaysian airlines office. We needed to make sure that we could take Marc out of the country. Once that was all arranged and the kids had made quite an impression on everyone, we went back to the hotel. Jakarta has the craziest driving that we have ever seen. On



The runway at I Iaga—interior.

straight roads cars generally remain in their lanes, but once you hit a corner, it becomes a free-for-all. We have never seen cars so close to each other without bumping into each other. It was a very interesting experience. The next morning we packed up and checked in for our flight on Malaysian airlines. To go through Indonesian customs we were required to fill out both an arrival card and a departure card?! Once that was done our

passports were happily stamped by the customs agent. From Jakarta we flew to Kuala Lumpur where we changed planes and went through security again. From there we flew to Taipei where we had to get out of the plane and go upstairs and then downstairs and then through security and then upstairs again and then downstairs where we originally came from where we boarded the very same plane we had just gotten off. From there we had our longest flight of 11 hours to L.A. In L.A. we had to go through customs, pick up all of our luggage, drop it off somewhere else, then find the Air Canada check-in in a different

terminal and check in; which took a little long as our tickets had been changed from their original ones. Then we had to go through security again, where Christiaan was searched as he made the metal detector go off. We waited for about 45 minutes and then boarded our Air Canada flight home. We landed in Vancouver only nine minutes late! Amazing after all that traveling. Chris and Pearl Hoff met us and took us home.

### So what are we doing now?

We are back home again and life has picked up where it left off when we left. We have all acclimatized to the colder weather here. Hugo has gone back to his job at Pacific Avionics at Vancouver International Airport in Richmond. He misses being able to walk five minutes to get to work and being home for every meal. Now Hugo spends two hours a day driving to and from work. The work he does at Pacific Avionics is pretty much the same as what he did in Sentani.

Mikah is attending kindergarten at the public school near our home. She is thoroughly enjoying herself there but does miss her class in Sentani. Going home on a real school bus is quite a thrill though. Christiaan is not attending school regularly right now, but does go to Coffee Break Bible study with Erica and is part of the preschool story hour. Christiaan's speech therapist and audiologist are both impressed with the progress in his speech. Aidan is as happy-go-lucky as ever. Both boys are thrilled to be able to play with their hockey sticks again. Hugo even made them a little hockey net. They have yet to learn that hockey is not about falling all over the place.... Marc is doing very well. He is a happy, growing little boy. We are however in the process of testing his hearing to determine if he also has a loss. So far we do not have any conclusive results. Erica is much busier here in Canada. But she is getting used to doing her own laundry again. The freedom of being able to drive herself around is nice too.

As a family we are enjoying being part of the communion of saints in the Aldergrove Canadian Reformed church again. We are also enjoying eating our favorite Canadian foods again; home barbequed hamburgers, Caesar salad, and ice cream. At this stage we are exploring our options with regards to whether or not we will go back to Sentani. We thoroughly enjoyed our time there and experienced what a great need there is for Hugo's skills. However, we need to determine what is the best for our family, particularly Christiaan.

### Thanks for:

- Marc's paperwork coming in on time
- Safe arrival back in Canada
- Good health

### Prayer for:

- Wisdom to make a decision regarding our future with MAF.
- Good results from Marc's hearing tests



The new radio stack Hugo installed in MAB



MAQ and MPW parked in Nabire

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