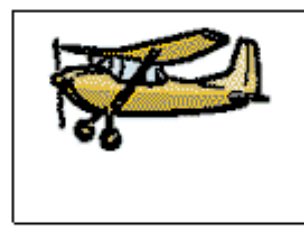




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Feunekes Flight Path



The Past Year's Path

This past year has been a year of growing and learning for our family. We were accepted to work with MAF in Sentani and we have been busy working on making our dream a reality. God has richly blessed us and things are falling into place. We have been deemed both medically fit and certifiably insane enough to work overseas. Now we must begin inoculations, Mikah's favourite thing. We will admit to using slushies as bribes and they work great! Hugo also went through a technical evaluation and MAF US was quite impressed with his range of experience and knowledge. Being in California and speaking with a number of people from Sentani gave him even more of a feeling of certainty that we are doing the right thing. They really need the avionics help there as they

only have people to fix simple electronics such as radios. Someone who can work on navigational equipment would be a real asset there as the weather is unpredictable and the terrain is very dense and mountainous.

Last August Hugo received his AME (Aircraft Maintenance Engineer) license. This was a long-awaited moment and a crucial one for our overseas work. So far we have raised 45% of our funds and have received much encouragement and support.

This past year we also became mini-experts regarding hearing loss. Dec 17 it will be exactly one year since Christiaan received his hearing aids. In that year we have all grown and learned so much. We all know some sign language and can communicate so much more effectively with

Christiaan than before. He has gone from being an observer of the world, to being an active part in the world. We are very thankful to our heavenly Father that we live here in Canada where we can receive the services needed for Christiaan. In addition, we have found out that we will be receiving speech therapy in Sentani as well!

Throughout the year we were kept busy with different things. Erica goes to the BC Family Hearing Resource Centre three times a week with Christiaan. She also continues to do the bookkeeping for the nursery. Hugo has been working at Pacific Avionics and Cascade Aerospace. On weekends he takes care of the 7,000 trees we are growing with our neighbours. Our large yard also provides much to do.

Special points of interest:

- Feb 2003-We hope to leave for Indonesia
- Were able to sell over 1,000 trees this year—Yeah!
- Our cars survived another year!!
- But the roof leaks...
- We got a computer....
- And we got two boarders in Sept....
- In case you're wondering.... they sleep in the RV
- Mikah is really going to miss her fish when we are in the far away country...
- Hugo fixed the muffler on the Firefly (phew!)
- Christiaan has developed an intense dislike for sock lint between his toes...

The Kids....

This past year the kids have all grown a few inches and gained a few pounds (one in particular). They have also learned many new things including some sign language. Mikah learned to write her name and colour very nicely in the lines. She has also become quite the little computer nut and is very proficient with the mouse. She also loves to "help" mommy bake chocolate chip cookies (we have a potential choco-

holic on our hands). Mikah has already decided who she is going to marry when she grows up and she's going to wear the dress she wore at Auntie Karen's wedding. Christiaan has learned to talk and continues to learn how to express himself. We have discovered he has quite the little sense of humour. He loves to walk around with his pockets bulging with tools and one of his favourite things to do is "help" daddy. He can

sure swing a hammer! Aidan has also learned a lot. He learned to walk at the beginning of the summer and started talking not long after. He also knows some signs and can make farting noises on his hand. He also grew the most and now weighs the same as Christiaan although he is still a little shorter... for now.... Aidan still wants to be mommy's baby and loves to be rocked like a baby and sung the rock-a-bye-baby song.