



Feunekes Flightpath



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We made it!!

A lot has happened since our last newsletter! August 2nd we completed our final day of classes at IMLAC and that afternoon we had our final evaluations. The next day we left Bandung for Papua. We took a private bus to the airport in Jakarta and stayed in a hotel room there for a few hours before boarding the 10:00 pm flight to Sentani. After two stops in Biak and Makasar (where we experienced

an aborted landing), we finally arrived in Sentani to a warm welcome from some of the MAF folks here. It sure felt great to finally be here! As our own house wasn't completed by the time we arrived, we lived in a house belonging to a family on furlough for two months. It was actually the same house that we had previously lived in. Oct 1 we began moving into our new place. Wow, it sure feels great to be living

in a place we can really call home and use all our own stuff instead of borrowing from others. Our home is on a hill and surrounded by many other expat families so there are lots of other kids for our kids to play with. We also live very close to a nice pool that we can swim in whenever we want as we have a membership. Living where we do, we also get more of an opportunity to interact with the locals than we did on the MAF compound.



Our new home!!



Saying good-bye to the church in Bandung.

The Kidz...

Mikah is very happy going to Hillcrest International School. Her teacher hails from Barrhead Alberta so she's a fellow Canuck. There aren't many girls in Mikah's class, only three, but she hangs around with some of the girls in the higher grades too.

Christiaan also loves school here. His teacher is from Ireland but she will be leaving by Christmas to go home and have her baby. There is currently no teacher

available to take over for her. Christiaan loves living here on Pos 7 as there are so many other boys for him to play with after school. So far his equipment continues to do well and he is also doing well in school. He sees a speech therapist each week as well.

Aidan is in a class with lots of boys. He loves it but also sometimes forgets the classroom rules. He is struggling with reading but is improving. He also loves

living here near his buddies.

Marc is going to preschool twice a week and is very proud of that fact. We live next door to his best friend Kaya which he loves too. He also loves sleeping on the top of his new bunkbed.

Brynnie continues to be her active silly self. She always manages to get into some sort of trouble and is a master at escaping if the gates aren't all locked. On September 23 she turned 2!

Special points of interest:

- If our gates aren't locked, we can count on vendors coming to the door and they are usually about 6-10 years old.
- We have a night guard who keeps an eye on things while we sleep.
- We've already experienced an earthquake, only 4.6 so no damage, just frightening.
- We are heading into the rainy season and when it pours, it pours!
- Hopefully that means that our yard will have grass soon.
- We are now the proud owners of a Honda 125 CC motorbike.
- We have a generator, but so far haven't needed to use it much thanks to the four new Caterpillar generators that the city of Sentani recently installed.
- We love it in Papua!!

What are the big kids up to?

Finishing language school was a great relief for us. We loved Bandung, but were ready to move on to our project here in Sentani and to live in a house we can call our own. Hugo has settled right into work in the avionics shop. There is not one plane that doesn't need his attention so there is no shortage of work for him. He was also recently appointed as the Avionics shop manager. He works with two Indonesian men. They primarily fix

HF radios. Each airstrip that is used by MAF has a radio and of course each aircraft has a radio. Hugo is also working on getting some more appropriate test equipment to help him with his job.

Erica has joyfully moved back into the role of house wife. She has a pembantu (helper) that comes in three times a week to help clean the house and do the laundry. She also plays

floor hockey twice a week with a bunch of ladies and attends a women's Tuesday morning Bible study.

We have been going to the GGRI (Gereja-Gereja Reformasi di Indonesia) church here in Sentani. It is a small group that currently meets in the home of one of the elders. The church plans to move its place of worship to the old ZGK compound which is near our house. Then we can walk to church!



Marc on the big floatplane



Christiaan at the beach.



On the boat to the beach.



Kids selling pineapples.



Hugo hard at work.

Praise and Prayer:

- ◇ Praise for being in our own house and settled in.
- ◇ Praise for good adjustment for the whole family.
- ◇ Praise for continued support from back home.
- ◇ Pray for continued safety and good health. Particularly Brynnie's continuing issues with bacterial skin infections.
- ◇ Prayer for building of good relationships with the locals especially those in our new church.

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The MAF hangar in Sentani.



Brynnie on her 2nd birthday.