



Feunekes Flightpath

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Life in Papua is never without adventure of some sort. Maybe that's why we love living here so much!

Hugo continues to head up the Avionics division here in Sentani. He loves the work he is doing and loves how it is helping the kingdom work going on here in Papua. There are still new airstrips being opened every year allowing MAF to bring in evangelists, food, and medical care. MAF services about 400 airstrips here in Papua. There are some other airlines flying here but none of them service the jungle/village strips like MAF does. Each week we hear of stories of people who have had to be flown out of a remote village to a larger city to receive medical care. Without the services of MAF they would not be able to receive the necessary medical care. Hugo's role is important in that he helps make sure that there are planes available to fly to those villages. If a plane has an important part that is not functioning as it should, the plane cannot fly. Previously, many avionics instruments that were broken were sent to the States for repair/testing but now many



The City of Sentani.

can be fixed by Hugo right here! Recently the MAF program in Papua celebrated 5 years of accident-free flying! This is truly a blessing from the hand of God! Then in the beginning of June MAF was given a three year work permit renewal by the Indonesian government. This included new slots for

Visas and is a real answer to prayer. In March Hugo fell ill with Dengue Fever. This is a nasty virus that is transmitted via mosquito. There is no medicine that you can take, you just need to drink a lot and rest. After a few weeks Hugo was able to return to his work full-time and is now fully recovered.

In May Hugo went to Aceh for a week to do an avionics upgrade on one of the MAF planes operating there. At the same time he was able to fix some snags that had popped up on another plane that had been ferried out here to Sentani in February for a major avionics upgrade. While Erica and the kids sure missed Hugo, he had a very productive time in Aceh and was able to reconnect with some friends from language school as well.

Our helper Ritha is doing well. After the 40 day mourning period following the death of her husband was over, she returned to work. About a week later she became quite sick with Dengue fever but she bounced back fairly quickly. However, there is some talk of one or both of her children being sent to live with another family from her husband's side. Ritha is such a strong believer and is very close to God and is therefore a wonderful mother to her children. Please pray for Ritha and her two girls as her husband's family will discuss all this sometime in June.

Off to Singapore...

In early May Christiaan and Erica went to Singapore along with Janna Berg and her two kids. Christiaan was due for a hearing check and new ear molds and our insurance recommended that we go to Singapore for this. Erica was only to glad to comply! Singapore is essentially a large city and is very modern and has superior medical facilities. Christiaan

first visited an ENT to check on the general health of his ears and have his canals cleaned out. After that they went to the audiology clinic which was within walking distance of the hospital. The clinic is very professional and the audiologist is a German fellow with a lot of experience with kids and with Christiaan's type of hearing aid. He recommended

some changes to the programming now that Christiaan is older. So far Christiaan is really liking the changes.

They were also able to do some shopping for things like new glasses for Erica, clothes and some food items not available in Papua. McDonalds, Subway, and fully stocked grocery stores were also thoroughly enjoyed.

The Kidz...



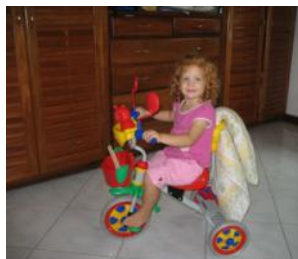
The school year has come to a close and overall the kids are happy about it. Mikah really enjoyed grade four a lot and will miss her teacher, Kathryn Fortin. Mikah is also not looking forward to saying goodbye to her good friend Natania deHaan when they move back to Canada this month. But next month she will be able to say hi to a friend who is returning from furlough. That's the way it is here! Christiaan did quite well in grade 2 in spite of intermittent issue with his FM system and a change of teachers half way through. Although, he would of course rather be playing some form of

electronic game than study... Aidan really improved during the last nine weeks of school. He has been diagnosed with ADD and has some trouble with reading. We did a blind trial with Ritalin. It really helped him focus on his work and the teacher and the results were evident. Next year he will enter a special reading program that will be sure to help him a lot. Over the summer he will receive tutoring from a high school student and handwriting therapy from an occupational therapist living here. Of course, he'd rather be playing Playstation or Lego... Marc completed a year of preschool

and we had a party to celebrate at a bouncy castle and pizza for supper at a new pizza place! He really started to take interest in his letters as the year went on and even started colouring in the lines! Brynnie continues to keep us hopping. We are never sure what she will do or say next! She is very rarely still and would rather eat snacks, chocolate in particular, than good stuff. She and Marc have discovered each other as playmates and can have a great time playing together. Brynnie also loves to play with her little girlfriends while mom plays hockey.



Mikah's 10th Birthday!



Brynnie on her new trike.



Marc doing the shot put on Sports Day.



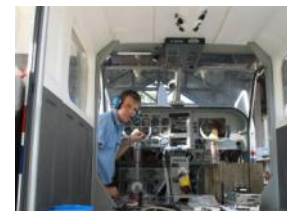
Aidan's 7th birthday party.



Erica enjoying a Burger King burger in Singapore.



Christiaan



Hugo working on the plane in Aceh.

Praise and Prayer:

- ◇ Praise for continued good health.
- ◇ Praise for all the support we've continued to receive!
- ◇ Prayer for Aidan in dealing with his ADD and reading struggles.
- ◇ Prayer for wisdom and patience as there is always lots to deal with out here!
- ◇ Prayer for continued good health.
- ◇ Prayer for good relationships with those in our church.

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Thanks again for all your support!

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