



Old church building in Pyramid.

Since our last newsletter we have received confirmation that we are able to return to work here in Papua for a second term. Thanks to all of you who have supported us and made this possible! We feel very excited and humbled by this blessing. We thoroughly enjoy our work and life here. We have built up relationships and figured out how and where we can help and our language has gotten to the point where we are fairly fluent. Therefore we felt led to ask for a second term. One always hears about how it takes one term just to figure things out and build relationships, and now we can say with experience, that that statement is true.

We have been here in Indonesia for exactly 3 years now. Three years during which we have experienced a tremendous amount. Our world and our world view are no longer what they

were three short years ago. We have come to know and love a people still so desperately in need. Needs ranging from spiritual to practical. Christianity has been in this area for a mere 50 years. The people here are living with one foot in the past with its bondage to animism and one foot in the present where they know they should follow God's commands but are unsure exactly how to do that while fighting all the temptations this modern era has to offer. There is a real lack of true understanding of what is required of people as believers. Concepts such as respecting others, monogamy and encouraging children are virtually non-existent. Alcohol is regularly abused as jobs and self-esteem are hard to come by. We pray that we can be a good example to those around us. This does place some pressure on us; knowing that we are always

being observed and therefore acting accordingly.

After living here for as long as we have, it is quite common to experience culture fatigue. We have been experiencing that very thing as of late. Our lives are often filled with small frustrations. Frustrations such as being chased by a drunk man while walking to church. Frustrations such as locals asking far more money than necessary for things simply because we are white and therefore have an apparent endless supply of funds. Frustrations such as day-long power outages. Frustrations such as not being able to buy margarine for 2 months. Frustrations with the medical "system" or lack thereof.

We are happy to report that we are scheduled to return to Canada for our very first Home Assignment (furlough) Dec 18th!

## Special points of interest:

- OUR NEW PLANE, THE KO-DIAK, IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE THIS MONTH.
- ERICA HAD THE PLEASURE OF GOING TO CANADA FOR HER BROTHER'S WEDDING IN JUNE.
- OUR "PUBLIC" WATER SYSTEM HAS BEEN A SUCCESS WITH THE TANK OFTEN EMPTIED BY THE AFTERNOON.
- WE ARE SCHEDULED TO LEAVE JAKARTA DEC 18TH FOR CANADA.
- WILLEM, (THE CHILD WHO RECEIVED A HEARING AID A FEW MONTHS AGO IN BALI THANKS TO THE GENEROSITY OF A DEAF HIGH-SCHOOLER FROM VANCOUVER AND SOME OF OUR SUPPORTERS), CONTINUES TO LEARN MORE AND MORE LANGUAGE MUCH TO THE DELIGHT OF HIS PARENTS.

## Family Conference....

In July we had the pleasure of attending our annual family conference in the village of Pyramid. Pyramid is a short 10 minute flight from Wamena in the famous Baliem valley. The village is located in the mountains at an altitude of around 5,000 feet. The air is crisp and dry, a welcome change from the humidity we live with in

Sentani. As has been the case for many years already, a team from New Heights Church in Vancouver, Washington came down to help us out. Pastor Matt Hannan spoke to the adults twice a day while the rest of the team ran VBS programs for the kids of all ages. We had lots of time to connect or reconnect with our co-

workers from other bases. We had the pleasure of being cooked for by a great team of volunteers from other organizations along with local folks. It was a great time of fellowship and learning. Not to mention the American candy we could purchase each day!



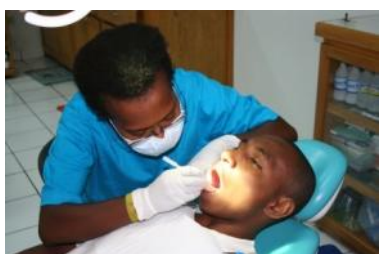
Marc and a friend sliding down the mud hill in Pyramid.



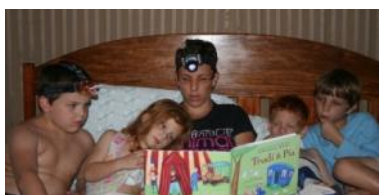
The aircraft that Hugo worked on in Tarakan, Kalimantan.



Our guard and yard worker, Yokben likes to practice piano at our house for hours at a time!



Ritha's brother Josef getting a tooth pulled by Ika, a Papuan woman training to be a dentist.



Reading a bed-time story by headlamp during a power outage.



Playing on a tree at the beach. We went with our church.

## The Feunekes Flightpath

### From the Avionics Shop...

In the Avionics shop we keep busy with the maintenance of aircraft and installations of new equipment along with helping people with HF radio problems. The radio shop has been quiet the last couple weeks not because there was no work but because aircraft needed some attention and installations. Rudy and Hugo have been finishing the last installations of the engine monitoring equipment in the 206's and the last transponder was installed in a 206. This equipment helps other aircraft to "see" the 206 thus helping keep our aircraft safe. Hugo has also started to give evening courses once a month on avionics systems. In anticipation of the arrival of our new Kodiak, Hugo has been busy learning the systems and manuals for this new aircraft so that when it comes we will be ready to keep it flying.

Recently Hugo spent just over a week in Kalimantan helping

them with some problems and installations on their "new" Cessna Caravan.

A normal day for an avionics technician in Papua might look like this:

7:20- enter the radio shop, start the computer and open Outlook to check for new e-mails.

7:30- pray together with the hanger crew for the new day and safety for the pilots.

7:40- Go over the work of the day with Rudy

8:00- answer the e-mails, often questions from other bases in Papua, Kalimantan, Aceh or other bases around the world need answering. Often this requires some research.

9:00 – 4:15- Caravan (PK-MAD) is in for maintenance and the pilot wrote that an engine warning light intermittently would turn on, the engine worked fine. After tracing the wires checking for damage or bad connectors it was found that in the back of the connector was a residue

that caused the connections to short.

10:00- coffee break.

10:15- back to PK-MAD

11:00- some one would like to buy a radio and has questions regarding license and cost.

11:20- back to PK-MAD

12:00- lunch

1:00- back to PK-MAD

2:00- two people from the telephone company came to ask what exactly the problem is with the phones, 2 phone lines are not working, and they had to be shown where the lines come in normally.

2:30- back to PK-MAD

3:00- found the connector that was faulty, tie up wiring that was untied for troubleshooting then put panels back.

4:15- cleanup tools and check e-mail

4:45- go home to happy wife and kids...

### The Kidz....

After a relaxing summer, school is back in session again! Mikah was very happy. She really loves school and is now in grade 6. Mikah has already surpassed Erica in height! This year she can begin to learn a musical instrument and has chosen the saxophone. This is in addition to the piano lessons she has begun.

Christiaan was also happy to return to school. Now in grade 4, he enjoys playing sports and hanging out with his classmates.

Aidan is now in grade three. On April 29th he celebrated his 8th birthday at the pool with his friends. He has discovered the joy of reading. He still struggles with writing but continues to improve.

Marc unfortunately does not have the opportunity to experience kindergarten here. Due to a severe shortage of teachers, kindergarten was not offered. He is rather sad about it but is looking forward to attending school in Canada for the second semester. In the meantime he is watching lots of Leapfrog

videos and practicing writing letters.

Brynne is our incorrigible little girl. She is a real character and keeps us on our toes. She has a new friend named Elleah and they are inseparable. This year Brynne will attend the parent-driven preschool run here in Sentani. She is extremely excited about this having "observed" Marc at preschool when Erica was teaching or helping for the past two years. Brynne also just got over her second case of malaria in a short period of time.

## Happenings on the hill...

It seems there is always something happening up here on our hill. A couple months ago a young girl was brutally murdered near a bridge up the road from us. Her family reacted very strongly and demanded that the girl who had accompanied their daughter up the road, die as payment. The fact that this girl was also an innocent victim meant nothing to them. They wanted a life for a life. As the friend of their daughter was in police custody for protection, they turned their attention to Ice's family because they are related. Ice's father represented their tribe/family at the meetings with the wronged family. Together they came to an agreement that Ice's tribe would pay 200 million rupiah. This in spite of the fact that the killers are still on the loose. But this is their cultural tradition. The teach-

ings of the Bible are second to tradition. This entire event left everyone feeling scared and uneasy in our area. Erica was able to talk with Ice about it all and remind her to return to God's word and prayer.

Recently Ice has been quite ill. Erica had to bring her to the hospital at the beginning of August where she was diagnosed with Pelvic Inflammatory disease and a bladder infection. She received antibiotics and after 5 days returned home and continued to take antibiotics for two weeks. Then a few weeks later she had another sudden onset which was much more painful than the first one. Erica brought her to a better hospital in case surgery was necessary. At time of writing Ice is still in the hospital. Erica has learned a lot about how to navigate the medical

"system" here. One needs to have a helper with them at the hospital to do things like get the necessary meds from the in hospital pharmacy or to go to the bathroom. No candy strippers here!

Ritha has been on school break for the past couple months. She has joined a series of lessons taught by Jan Wieske on how to teach Bible stories to children in a manner that helps them understand and experience them. She is very excited about this as it fits with her studies to become a teacher of Christianity. Her mother still periodically comes and causes problems and tries to convince Ritha's brother and sister to live with her and that Ritha is a bad sister who doesn't take good care of them. This coming from a woman who has never cared for her own children.

Never a dull moment!



Aidan opening gifts at his birthday party.



Willem and his family.



Visiting Ice during her first hospital stay.



Erica and Mikah by the airstrip in Pyramid.

### Praise and Prayer:

- Praise for continued good health.
- Praise for good friends.
- Praise for the support we've received to be able to come back for a second term.
- Prayer for wisdom and patience as there is always lots to deal with out here!
- Prayer as we prepare to furlough in December. There are many decisions to be made!
- Prayer for a full recovery for Ice.

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