

Fennekes Flightpath

October 2016



The float plane taking off on the river by the village of Sinimburu

This will be our last newsletter as an MAF family. We have been with MAF for over ten years and are very grateful for all of you who have supported us throughout our journey.

We have seen over and over God's providence in our lives. When we began this journey, never did we imagine it would lead to ten years of life in Papua. Our hearts were heavy as we left many friends behind.

We were also challenged as we left national friends in difficult situations which we could have assisted them in. We had to acknowledge that even though we were leaving, God wasn't.

At the end of May Mikah graduated high school! A proud moment for her parents. At the same time we were packing our crates to ship to Canada and also selling whatever we were not taking with us. A rather large task! Hugo had a week off work before we left and with the help of friends we were able to get it all done in between goodbye parties and graduation celebrations. We were honoured when the flight crew from MAF put on a goodbye party for us and two other families who were leaving. The party included games, speeches and yummy food.

A plethora of emotions were running through us. Sadness at leaving our work and friends behind, but also excitement for whatever the future might hold, and the opportunities for our children.

We first went to Holland to visit with Hugo's family and even got to spend half a day with almost all of Erica's aunts and uncles; very special! Then we flew to Ontario and spent nearly four weeks there doing medicals, debriefing with MAF, and visiting family, friends and supporters.

Then we embarked on our second drive across Canada. This time we broke down in Saskatchewan, where our friends' parents rescued us and hosted us until our van was repaired. We are very grateful for their care!

We arrived in Aldergrove, BC the first week of August. Since then we have cleaned up and sold our home and purchased another one that will fit our family better as children tend to grow a lot over a period of ten years! We moved the beginning of October.

Currently Hugo is taking online courses and actively looking for a job in the aviation industry. Erica is embarking on a new career as a Care Aide and will hopefully

go back to school next September. Mikah is living at Trinity Western University, studying English and thoroughly enjoying herself. Christiaan and Aidan are at Credo High School and Marc and Brynne are at Credo Elementary.

We are grateful for the new friends they've already made and for the assistance both schools have provided as the kids get settled into their new lives. We are also thankful to our home church in Aldergrove for their warm welcome to our family.



Above: In April we had a goodbye lunch for all the national employees of MAF together with two other families who were also leaving.



Above: We witnessed the baptism of our SPH mentor child Esther (front, second from right) and some of her friends.

Left: Our entire church on our last Sunday together.

Special points of interest:

- ON SEPTEMBER 23 BRYNNE TURNED 11!
- IN MAY ERICA WENT TO JAKARTA FOR AN MRI BECAUSE OF CERVICAL RADICULOPATHY. THE RESULTS SHOWED SOME BULGING DISKS IN HER NECK. WITH MEDICINE AND EXERCISE, THINGS HAVE IMPROVED.
- WE HAD A MOVING GOODBYE LUNCH WITH OUR CHURCH ON OUR FINAL SUNDAY IN PAPUA.
- OUR FRIENDS VIOLETHA AND JULIARD HAD A BABY WITH HYDROCEPHALUS JUST TWO DAYS BEFORE WE LEFT PAPUA.
- MIKAH AND HER CLASSMATES ENJOYED TEN DAYS IN BALI BEFORE GRADUATION AND EXODUS.

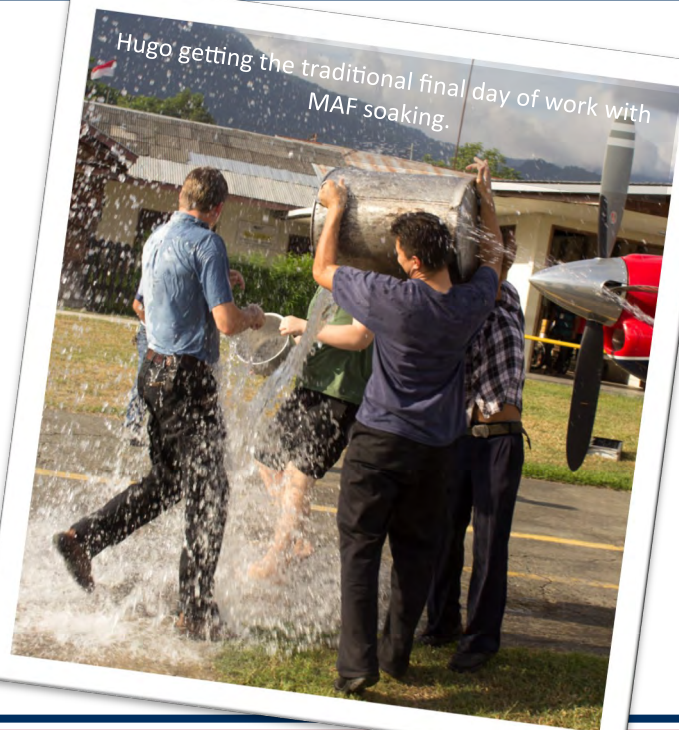


From The Hangar:

Realizing that the final days of 10 years of service with MAF in Indonesia was coming to a close, was not easy. When we arrived in Papua in August 2007 my hope was to transfer my knowledge to some of the local technicians.

Over the following 9 years I had the opportunity to teach several technical courses, aircraft systems, trouble shooting, and repair aircraft electrical equipment. I had the privilege to be the Maintenance Operations Manager for the last 6 years. I had a great team to work with and knowing that the Lord had provided dedicated people to take over part of my responsibilities, made the transition easier in some ways.

We were able to work together for 4 months before I left which gave me the time to finish my national training program, and spend the necessary time implementing a new software program. It has been a privilege to work with this team and serve the people of Papua with them.



Our family with some of the MAF office ladies after Hugo and Erica got soaked.

Praise and Prayer:

- ➔ Praise for a good start to the new school year.
- ➔ Praise for our new home.
- ➔ Praise for our very supportive home church.
- ➔ Praise for leaving well.
- ➔ Prayer as we continue to adjust to life in Canada.
- ➔ Prayer for Hugo as he looks for a job in the small market of aviation.
- ➔ Prayer for Mikah as she navigates life as a university student.

THANK YOU!!!!

As we remember our years of service in Papua, we realize that none of this would have been possible without the incredible provision from our Heavenly Father and of course, our amazing support team! Your generous donations to our ministry with MAF, as well as your faithful prayer support have been what has enabled us to serve here.

Not only have we been able to serve in our official capacity, keeping the MAF aircraft serviceable, but it has afforded us the opportunity to be involved in the lives of the people in our area of influence. This has given us the chance to truly impact lives at a grassroots level. What an honour!

If you would like to continue supporting the work of MAF in Papua, we would like to suggest supporting the work of Karl



Vanderlinde (photo to the right) who is an AME working for MAF at the Tarakan base in Kalimantan. You can transfer your support in any of the following ways:

- ➔ Call MAF at 1-877-351-9344
- ➔ Mail in the coupon attached to Karl's bulletin insert (postage paid envelope included)
- ➔ Go to: <https://www.mafo.org/missionaries/vanderlinde>

There is no adequate way to truly thank you, but we hope that the stories we have shared through the years have given you a glimpse of what you have been a part of: Changing lives in Papua!

With our sincere thanks,

Hugo and Erica,

Mikah, Christiaan, Aidan,

Marc, and Brynne

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