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Upcoming events:

- Our wedding on the 22nd October
- Honeymoon
- Receptions in USA & Australia
- Moving & settling into Kudjip

Matt's Prayer & Praise

- For my Nan as she has cancer treatment
- Our wedding on the 22nd of October
- God's protection for staff & operations in PNG
- For wisdom & to grow as an Engineer
- Receiving my PT6 engine license
- Growing in the Aviation Safety Officer role
- Spiritual growth
- MAF ministry team
- Bible Faith Outreach
- Our marriage to be Christ centered & focused
- God's leading for next year



Sharing my testimony in Tok Pisin at the youth outreach



with family in Cairns



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Update

The last four months have been full of action and work. Engineering continues to be busy, especially with the Twin Otters. During this recent C check, the other two have also been in for maintenance, which has kept the team busy on top of the other maintenance that is on. A few weeks ago I received my engine PT6 license which is a praise point. Back in March I was asked if I would take on the Aviation Safety Officer role. After prayerfully considering this, I started the role in June and will continue to be the Engineering Rep too. At the end of June we had our annual program conference at Madang, which was a refreshing time with MAF family. Following conference, Becky and I flew to Cairns for my mid term break, meeting up with my parents and then later with my sister and her fiancé, Alex. During our time in Cairns I was able to take Becky out on a date, first time in Australia and later in the evening I proposed. She obviously said yes. During our time with family, besides celebrating our engagement, we were able to do many activities, some including tracking family history. Following a return

Mid term break

Following MAF's annual conference in Madang, Becky and I flew to Cairns. This trip had been first planned in June the previous year and back then I had no idea that it would contain what the trip did. I was very much in need of a break and was looking

to PNG, life has been pretty hectic with wedding planning. Becky and I are getting married here in PNG on the 22nd of October at Rondon Ridge, then honeymooning in Maui, then a reception in Ore-



A medivac at Woposali

gon, then a reception in Sydney and attend my sister's wedding, before returning to PNG. I will be moving out to Kudjip shortly and will commute to work each day. It has been a very large workload



Engagement party

planning three wedding's in three different countries. But it has been good for us to work together on it and grow in our relationship. Our time of engagement has also included a few activities too. One

forward to having time out of PNG with Becky and also spending time with family. We were both grateful that Becky could have a week off, to attend conference and make it to Cairns for five days. We met up with my parents that Monday evening when

weekend we had our engagement photos taken and our engagement Party at Kudjip. Besides being a crazy and busy time, it has been a special time as well. I have been struggling with tiredness and fatigue the last few months and is something that concerns me, particularly as it hinders me and my work. I am just worn out. I am amazed by the way God continues to sustain me, but especially gives me strength. At the end of September, my friend and housemate for almost three years finished his service with MAF PNG. Timon and his girlfriend Jen returned to Switzerland, please pray for them as they transition and seek God what is next for them. We have also continued to have sixtieth celebrations, which included a one week tour of different bush communities and a family fun day at the hangar. We attended the 50th Mt Hagen Cultural show in August. Becky and I also got to be involved in a youth outreach with the MAF ministry team in June. Our first time serving together and something that I greatly look forward to in the near future, sharing life and serving together.

they picked us up from the airport. The following day, I was able to get some stuff taken care of in Cairns, while secretly planning my proposal to Becky and seeking approval. Besides our engagement, we were able to do many activities with



50th Mt Hagen Cultural Show

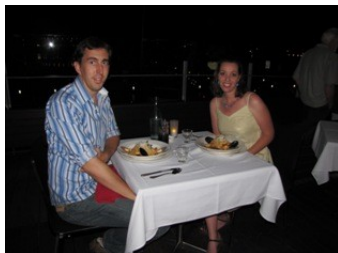
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In scrubs together, watching Becky perform a C Section



The bride to be with ring



Our date night in Cairns



Engagement photo shoot



Being culturally inappropriate



MAF Expat family at Conference 2011



Tractor rides at MAF's 60th family fun day

Mid term break (cont)

my family, it was a busy time. We were able to go on the Skyrail and Kuranda Railway, drive up to Mareeba to show them MAF's Hangar there and also see where my Grandfather did training in the Atherton tablelands prior to his second campaign in

PNG during WW2. We spent a day out at Green Island on the Barrier Reef. And managed to do some shopping and see a movie. It was hard to see Becky leave for PNG and be apart after a short time together and our engagement in Cairns. She

had a few challenges with her travels getting back to Mt Hagen and Kudjip. It was our first family holiday all together in several years, a really special time and nice to have a break from life in PNG.

Engagement

Since I left Oregon back in the start of February, I knew that Becky was the one. Over our two months long distance stint of our relationship, our relationship grew a lot more than I expected. Before and after her return I was praying about marriage. After her return I knew that we needed time to continue to grow in our relationship, especially as we serve in different ministries and locations. Over our three months together courting in PNG, our relationship continued to grow. In the last month or so before heading to Cairns, we both were ready for the next step and things started to come together. Especially knowing that Becky was God's provision of a wife and knowing that the time

was right. Originally I wanted to propose in PNG on the coast, but it really was not possible without a ring and I didn't want to do it at the MAF conference. I tried to get a ring made from PNG gold, but in the end that didn't work out either. I knew that Cairns would be the right place to propose to her. The Monday evening we arrived into Cairns to meet up with my family. Tuesday I was able to buy a ring and take Becky out on a date. We went to a seafood restaurant on the waterfront, ate a fantastic meal, walked on the Esplanade, ate ice cream and then we drove north to Ellis Beach outside of Cairns. There we went star gazing and I proposed to Becky. It was so

special to tell her how I felt about her for the first time without holding anything back and looking back over all that God has done in our lives. She gladly accepted and we both sat there in awe of God's goodness to us. It was a very special evening and one we will always remember. It was a special day on Wednesday too, as we celebrated our engagement and informed our family and friends in two different time zones. Also being able to celebrate it with my parents. We are very grateful for God's provision in one another and His work in our lives. We are both looking forward to life together and serving God together and the plans He has for us in the future.