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Upcoming events:

- Studying for CASA exams
- Mid term break to Papua, Indonesia
- Engineering
- Fixing up the Land-cruiser
- Hopefully more MAF ministry team opportunities

Matt's Prayer Points:

- Thanks for my Nan's successful treatment, operation and recovery so far
- Spiritual growth
- MAF ministry team (Kambowa's health)/ Engineer's Bible Study
- Continue to grow as an Engineer and to get licensed
- For strength, to be teachable, for protection, good health & wisdom
- Good refreshing mid term break



Myself, Timon & Phillipp



The Hangar packed



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Update

I can't believe how quickly and how much has happened in the last four months. It is hard to remember what has happened, let alone write about it. The MAF ministry team started up again over the Easter weekend with a big program at a local village church across the weekend. Since then we have had a few programs, but has been limited, especially since our team leader has had a few health issues. I sat one CASA exam back in late April and passed. I have only one Airframe exam left to sit and I have all the hours I need to submit for my airframe licenses. I have been finding it quite hard the last month or so to study. But hopefully not too far away now. We have continued to have a steady workload out at the hangar and at times quite a lot. The past few weeks we have had a Twin Otter in for a C

check, which followed on from another C check prior to this one. We have continued to manage other scheduled maintenance during this time. I have been able to do a little bit of engine and electrical



Arrival of the new GA8

work which has been good. I am hoping once getting airframe licenses I can do more engine work. I am still riding, but I had a six week absence, as I had a fall riding home from work one afternoon in heavy rain. After recovering the next ride I snapped my chain. So I have only just started riding again on arrival of a new chain. The

other month we saw the arrival of the new GA8 Turbo Airvan after a long wait. Following it's first 100 hourly check the dedication service for it was held. It is a huge blessing to be given a new aircraft and we are very grateful for God's provision. One of my housemates finished his 12 months of national service with MAF here last month. He returned safely to Germany, which took him 72 hours. His final week here saw quite a few festive activities, but he will be missed. The Land-cruiser continues to have ongoing issues, what can I say for a third world country car. It sat under the house for two months before going again. There are still some major work due, but least it is drivable again. I guess with so much happening I have been really trying to find a good balance with everything in life here.

Wewak

In May I was able to get away for the weekend down (well up north really) to Wewak. Wewak is located on the north coast of PNG and it is summer all year round being so close to the Equator. I went with one housemate and with a good friend from work, a national Engineer. Everything needed to happen for us to be able to go, all came together in the end. For me it was so refreshing to get down to the coast and away from

the Highlands. I always find the atmosphere there more laid back, people more friendly and less



Boram Beach, Wewak

tension. To get my beach fix was awesome too and

eating good food. We stayed at one of the houses on the MAF compound and had access to a MAF vehicle. We were able to do quite a lot of exploring. My highlight was easily going to Wom beach and the Wom beach memorial, where the Japanese surrendered to the Allied forces at the end of WW2. To see where my grandfather was at the end of WW2 was quite special. Now I have been able to see the location of



Cape Wom

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Coming down the track



My Posse @ Kagamuga Airport



Dan & I @ Wom Beach Memorial

Wewak (cont)

where he started the PNG campaign, Atherton North QLD and the finish Wewak, PNG. So our time in Wewak, even though short was really a good time away. I would

love to be relocated there for Engineering, but that seems very unlikely. Out of the parts of PNG I have seen so far, Wewak is my favourite place to date.

Climbing Mt Hagen

The last weekend of June I planned to climb Mt Hagen with some guys from work. In the end there was seven of us. Three nationals, two Swiss and two Aussies made up of mainly Pilot's and Engineer's. We left Saturday morning and drove out to the base of the track. I knew it was going to be a hard hike, but was harder than what I expected. I found it physically and mentally challenging. It took us just over six hours to reach the summit and climb up 4300 ft of altitude. Hiking through a forest and ridge lines, the track was a simple goat track. The altitude did make it challenging. On arrival to the summit (at 12,500ft above sea level), we found a spot to setup camp. We constructed a shelter out of tarps and small PVC

pipes. And laid the floor with cut grass. As the sun set we knew we were in for a cold night. In the shelter I was okay, even though I didn't get much sleep with the ground being so rough. But in the morning we all got up at 0530 for the sunrise. I can't remember being so cold. Seeing twilight and the

ous sight I have seen with my physical eyes. After spending some time up on the summit and taking in the view. We made a start on our descent. I was tired and sore from the previous day, plus battling with some food poisoning and was thinking how I would go going back down. I was happy to stay up there for a week. We made it down in about four hours. Again I found it hard and my knees started to find it difficult along with other parts of my body. In the end it was an awesome hike, but the hardest hike I have ever done and good time of bonding with the guys. We had great weather for the two days too. Something we were really thankful for. Returning to work Monday I was so sore and tired, but yet so refreshed from the experience.

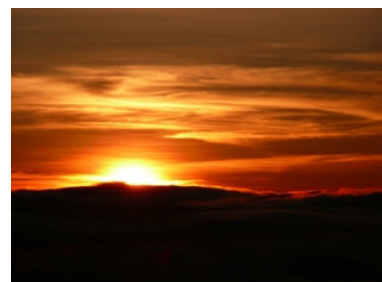


The crew at Mt Hagen summit

sunrise was amazing. But followed by that was the whole 360 degree view around us. The most glori-



GA8 Turbo Dedication Service



Sunrise over Mt Wilhelm