



MAF AUSTRALIA



mpreece@maf.org

PO Box 456

Mt Hagen WHP 281

Papua New Guinea

<http://preecesinpng.com>

Matt & Becky Preece



VOLUME 5, ISSUE 1

DEC 2011 — JAN 2012

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Furlough April 2012 - Feb 2013**
- **My wife says my birthday is coming up, 18th Feb**
- **Twin Otter C check**

PRAYER & PRAISE:

- **Miracle patient - Opung (see blog)**
- **Landcruiser back on the road**
- **Furlough details**
- **Matt's Nan undergoing cancer treatment**
- **Marriage registration in PNG**
- **Matt's fatigue**
- **Safety commuting to work**
- **Christ centered marriage**
- **God's leading for next year**

Newlyweds update

This is officially our first newsletter as a married couple. We have settled well into married life and enjoy living at Kudjip. For Matt in December the guys had a Twin Otter C check and aviation stores stock take. In January he has been doing some different things recently at work. He was able to attend a Cessna Caravan taxi training course. He also got the opportunity to go out and help rescue a stranded aircraft for the first time out at Mendi, in the Southern Highlands. The daily commuting for Matt from Kudjip to Mt Hagen has been hard at times involving catching a PMV or driving our Landcruiser. Matt has spent a bit of time maintaining our Landcruiser. For Becky she remains busy on the medical ward at

the hospital. In clinic she has been doing the cervical cancer screening program called Meripath. Becky has also been doing Bible quizzing with the high



Our first Christmas

schoolers. She also sang a solo at Kudjip's English Christmas service. Our first few months have been a joy and a learning experience, sharing things together for the first time. We

finished setting up our first house. Sharing our first Christmas together in the same country was special. We also have enjoyed a few young adult fellowship activities here on Kudjip station, which included a New Years Eve games night. We have been enjoying having different people over for meals. One Sunday afternoon following church, we went on a hike with our good neighbours Tim and Karla across the valley from Kudjip. We have been working hard on Becky's MAF application and preparation for furlough. So our first two months serving in PNG together has been quite busy as we both serve in full time roles in different locations. We are grateful for God's leading and strength in this season.

Furlough plans

Come this April we will both be due for furlough. Becky's contract with Samaritan's Purse will come to an end. We have been praying about what is next for us for sometime now. We both feel that God is leading us to serve with MAF as a couple and for now returning back to Papua New Guinea. MAF encourages newlyweds to spend 12 months off the field. We also have a lot we need to accomplish during furlough and

again feel this is the way God is leading us. So we are taking an



Landscape of PNG

extended furlough of ten months. We will leave PNG on

the 1st of April, heading to Cairns, Australia for interviews with MAF and some rest. Then we will head to Sydney, where we will be based until July 1st. After that we head to America for six months. Returning to Australia in the New Year to participate in MAF orientation before returning to PNG for another term of service. During our furlough we plan on visiting family and friends, taking some needed rest and support



Twin Otter C check

Furlough plans (cont)

raising. Along with this we will need to sort out many paperwork details regarding marriage registration and name change (a third culture marriage is quite complicated). We will be in search of a new sending church in Sydney. We are hoping that Matt can work at his private pilot's license while in America.

We will be doing some traveling, especially across America to invest into our support network for the first time together. We have a lot of needs for furlough which includes accommodation in Sydney, access to a vehicle in Sydney, Visa's for both Australia and America, accommodation in

Oregon, opportunities to speak/share at churches and groups. We would really appreciate prayer for these things and if you know of any possibilities for us, please let us know. We are excited for what God has for us during this time and we are looking forward to seeing many of you.



Bible quizzing - Adult team



Becky's patient - Cecelia



Young Adults @ Kudjip

MAF US

MAF
P.O. Box 47
Nampa, ID 83653

maf-us@maf.org
Phone: (208) 498-0800
Toll-Free: (800) FLYS-
MAF (359-7623)
Fax: (208) 498-0801

MAF Australia

Unit 203, 14-16
Lexington Drive,
Norwest Business Park,
Bella Vista NSW 2153
Australia

MAF@maf.org.au
Phone: +61 2 8014-6450
Fax: +61 2 8014-6459

Mission Aviation Fellowship



Isolated people physically and spiritually transformed in Christ's name.

Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) is a Christian organisation that provides aviation services for people living in remote areas around the world.

For over 60 years, MAF aircraft have been serving isolated and underprivileged men, women and children, by providing a regular flight and freight service bringing the essentials of life into these communities as well as medical care, emergency food, and Christian hope.

MAF is also part of a dynamic worldwide partnership. Today worldwide, the partnership operates 142 aircraft from bases in over 30 countries.

Our purpose is to deliver practical and spiritual care to people in places of deepest human need. Every three minutes, an MAF plane takes off or lands somewhere in the world. These flights enable crucial work by many aid and development agencies, missions, local churches and other national groups.

MAF is serving the Church and communities in remote areas where flying is not a luxury, but a lifeline.