

BECKWITH BLURB!!

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'LET US NOT LOVE WITH WORDS OR TONGUE BUT WITH ACTIONS AND IN TRUTH' - 1 JOHN 3:18



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Facts and Figures

Today, June 1st, marks exactly 15 years since we joined MAF ... crazy but true! And this year (in October) will mark 10 years since we've lived in Australia, the longest either of us have lived anywhere since leaving home. Life has changed a lot for us over the last decade and a half, so we thought we would share some facts and figures with you! We started our MAF journey as a family of three, with a one year

old in the UK. We have managed three more continents since 2009, living in Ohio, USA and Dodoma, Tanzania before moving here. Now we're a family of 5, with two teenagers (yes, we're counting the dog in the 5!!). This year Abi can start learning to drive, exactly 30 years after Jenny got her license, and in December, we will have been married 18 years, which equates to a whole adult! Within MAF each year

they publish stats too so here are some highlights from 2023: MAF has just under 120 aircraft and flew more than 6.3 million kilometres last year, that's more than 159 times around the world. There are about 1,400 MAF staff providing a service to more than 1,500 organisations across the globe. To those of you who have been supporting us from the beginning of our MAF journey, thank you so much!



FLOAT PLANE WHICH IS HEADED TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA



EASTER WEEKEND VISITOR FROM THE UK!



THE BABY OF THE FAMILY - COOKIE IS SIX YEARS OLD!

In the Mareeba hangar, the float plane that was initially due to fly in the MAF Bangladesh programme is almost prepped and ready to serve in Papua New Guinea, thanks to our superstar engineering team. Just one of the many projects they've been working on to make a difference to isolated people somewhere in the world!

The youth group at our church, which we've become the coordinators for, continues to grow, with over 20 teens coming to the different events over the last 6 months. They are a lovely group and the team of leaders help to make such a great atmosphere for all the events. We were especially grateful for no mishaps at a recent rollerskating event. Some of our skaters were a lot less stable than others ... to our amusement!

1ST JUNE 2024 MARKS 15 YEARS
- OUR MAF MILESTONE -

Praise

- For the last 15 years of serving with MAF, across different continents and roles for us both
- For a much nicer weekend job for Abi to earn some extra cash
- For the group of teens and leaders that make up the youth group at our church

Prayer

- That Naomi enjoys this year's gymnastics competition season
- For energy, as we're all feeling a bit wiped out at the moment

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MARK

IT IS NOW ALMOST A YEAR SINCE I STARTED MY NEW JOB (ALBEIT PART-TIME UNTIL AFTER LAST YEAR'S TRIP TO THE UK). I HAVE SETTLED INTO THE ROLE WELL. IT HAS INVOLVED TASKS LIKE HELPING TO KEEP THE PISTON AIRCRAFT MANUALS AND FORMS UP-TO-DATE WITH LOCAL REGULATIONS, AND GETTING THE AMPHIBIOUS AIRCRAFT READY FOR PNG. ONE OF MY NEXT TASKS IS TO ASSIST WITH AN AVIONICS UPGRADE ON OUR NEWLY PURCHASED TWIN AIRCRAFT.

JENNY

IT WAS LOVELY TO HAVE A FAMILY FRIEND FROM THE UK VISIT US OVER THE EASTER WEEKEND, HAVING SPENT SOME TIME TRAVELLING AROUND THIS PART OF THE WORLD. IN OTHER NEWS A BRUSH WITH REACTIVE/ VIRAL ARTHRITIS SINCE WE WERE LAST IN TOUCH HAS LEFT ME A BIT SLOWER THAN USUAL. WHO KNEW IT WAS EVEN THING?! BALANCING WORK AND MARKETS, AND BEING THE MUM-TAXI TAKES UP MOST OF MY TIME AND ENERGY FOR NOW.



ABIGAIL

I'VE CONTINUED TO DEVELOP MY JEWELLERY-MAKING SKILLS AND AM REALLY PLEASED THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE BEEN BUYING MY BRACELETS FROM THE WISH POM POM STALL AT THE MARKETS. THE ONLY PROBLEM NOW IS, I KEEP WANTING TO BUY MORE AND MORE BEADS! I ALSO RECENTLY STARTED A NEW PART-TIME JOB AT EMERALD CREEK ICE CREAMERY ... IT'S SOOOOOO MUCH NICER THAN WORKING IN MACCA'S!



NAOMI

MY GYMNASTICS COMPETITION SEASON BEGINS TODAY, JUNE 1ST, WHEN I AM COMPETING IN THE NQ GAMES WHICH OUR CLUB IS HOSTING THIS YEAR! LAST MONTH I FINALLY RE-MASTERED THE MOVE THAT BROKE MY ARM. I'M STILL A BIT NERVOUS WHEN I DO IT BUT I FINALLY GOT THERE! IN MAY (A MONTH LATE!) I CELEBRATED MY 13TH BIRTHDAY WITH A SMALL GROUP OF FRIENDS AND ABI MADE A GORGEOUS CAKE FOR ME!

