



# Mareeba Musings

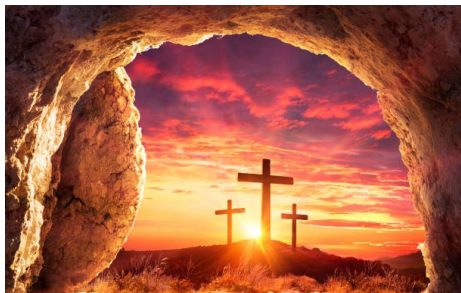
Happy Easter to all our supporters.

At the beginning of March the team in the hangar were carrying out a 200 hourly check on one of the Arnhem Land Cessna Caravans. During a Borescope inspection a crack was discovered internally. The crack was on what's called "the large exit duct", and needed a specialist to fly from Brisbane called Matt. Matt was very kind and he used his time in the hangar to train the team.



Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this? **John 11:25-26 NIV**

Photos: 1. Taken in Dili the MAF GA8 being readied for a Medivac with the large national carrier, 'Aero Dili' close by. 2. Hot section training. 3 Benjamin outside the school.



Please give thanks: That Benjamin and Esther have now full time jobs.

Please Pray for: For wisdom for Esther as she decides her future.

For us; we would like to return for Home assignment this year but it may not be possible with others wishing to do the same.

**JA** : In our Christmas prayer letter Julie Anne was finishing up her time teaching in the classroom. Although it was a challenging class she really felt God guiding her through it all. She has returned to SWAN (Students With Additional Needs) on campus for 2026. She enjoys running small groups of Maths Intervention in Primary and High school. After a few years of a lull, the MAF ladies weekly get together is running again. It's mainly on Fridays and she is off on that day so can mostly get to these. Also on Fridays there is a Church ladies get together at a local coffee shop twice a month. We call this the WCC, and a friend and I started this to build relationship with other women on the periphery of the church.

Pastor Murray at the Baptist church we attend has a slightly different hobby than most Pastors/Ministers. He really enjoys Steam trains and is part of a volunteer group in the nearby historical town of Herberton. He is now an engine driver and we went for a visit, and rode on the old steam train a few Saturdays ago.



4. Julie Anne standing on the footplate with Pastor Murray  
 5 Joshua and Nakia enjoying their local Mountain bike park. 6. Joshua's ,runner up medal and two best and fairest medals. 7. Benjamin's hairdresser ; 2006 & 2026

**Joshua & Nakia**: Still keeping busy with their jobs and studying, they also fit in helping in their Church and leading Youth. Joshua and his brother have been playing both Futsal and 11 a-side football this year. They got through to the futsal final (25th March) but unfortunately were beaten in the final, just last week. Joshua received medals for the best and fairest player for both the men's and mixed teams.



Joshua has two friends, also called Joshua (from Tanzania and Uganda days). Both their parents work for MAF here in Australia. They both are getting married in April and May so Joshua & Nakia will be off to Sydney and Brisbane for the weddings.



**Benjamin:** Is now working full time at the local high school, working mainly with children who are in the social care system and enjoys his work. He will be looking forward to the Easter break. A bit of a throw back: he has had the same hairdresser for 20 years now. To the right first hair cut 2006 and now 2026!



8. Ladies from the church for their twice a month coffee catch up.



**Esther:** Since graduating High School at the end of 2025, Esther has been working on a farm picking/sorting mangoes and lychees. As she hopes to travel she has taken on a full time job working in a local butchers, serving customers. She has Fridays off and was offered a role at the gym class she attends with her Mum, as an instructor. She gained a certificate 3 in Fitness at school so she can now use this qualification, and is instructing five classes each Friday starting at 5am. Football session is about to kick off. She is playing for a different team this year, "Edge Hill" in Cairns.



All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead... 1 Peter 1:3 NLT

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- 9. David & Alison Dorricott
- 10. Glenn working on the landing gear in Timor Leste.
- 12. The team in Timor-Leste.

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

**James 1:2-4**



Glenn: At the hangar we receive visitors that are in the area and support MAF. They like to come and see the maintenance base. In early January David and Alison Dorricott from the Isle of Man came for a visit. They are the main donors for P2-AFD and had paid a visit to PNG to see the aircraft and where it's serving. It was extra special that they wanted to visit the Mareeba base to see where the MAF modifications had been added. Glenn gave them a tour and showed them first-hand some of the modifications on another Cessna caravan (P2-PKM) that will shortly be flown to PNG. In Timor-Leste MAF operates 3 GA8 aircraft. About 60% of the flights are Medevacs, so MAF play a vital role in the country. In February Glenn was part of a five-man team who travelled to Dili for two weeks to carry out repairs and maintenance. It was a good trip and they worked long days to complete all the tasks. It was very hot and humid!

