





Dear Friends,

It's been a few months since we returned from home assignment. It was great to spend time with family over Christmas. We were able to reconnect with churches and had the opportunity to speak at a couple of churches we hadn't visited before, to share about MAF. It was good to catch up with friends and supporters and we had the opportunity to meet new folk who are interested in MAF. We are sorry we didn't mange to catch up with all of you as the time always seems to slip by so quickly. But we felt blessed by your prayers, support and encouragement.

Please give thanks:

- For a great Home assignment, with time meeting new and old supporters.
- For the ongoing prayerful and financial support of our home churches.

Please pray:

- For flexibility for JA and G when the family is called on to provide assistance for camps often at the last minute.
- For Esther as she searches for what is right for her at the end of this year. Pray that God will show her where He wants her to be.
- For God's guidance in how/where to continue seeking for an Australian Licence.

Photo: 1. How many aircraft are there in the picture? (Answer in next PL.) This is the Mareeba hangar. 2. Shifu and Mirco

Mirco, a Swiss MAF engineer, married Shifu from the Maldives, just 2 weeks after we returned to Mareeba. We attended their wedding.



The Coming of Zion's King

Rejoice greatly, Daughter of Zion!
Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem!
See, your king comes to you,
righteous and victorious,
lowly and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
Zechariah 9:9

JA: Term 1 has been an exceptionally busy term for Julie Anne, as she was teaching in Year 1 on a Friday. It has been about 25 years since she taught this age (though that was full time) and so there was a fair amount of adjusting to the age level, and also a few hours spent preparing for that day in Year 1. In Term 2 she will not be in Year 1, but will spend all her days at Jubilee in the 'Special Needs' department.

Julie Anne was involved in 2 school camps, Year 7 and Year 11/12 (Senior camp). There never seems to be much forewarning, so being flexible is a big plus.

Joshua, Benjamin and JA have all completed and passed a citizen test for Australia, to enable us to stay longer here. This is the simplest way, and the way that most others also use to be able to remain in the country for as long as they would like. We are blessed that we do not have to choose between nationalities, but are able to hold both.

JA spends more time in the garden now that we have our own house and garden to work on, and we have a small pumpkin patch. Many leaves, a

few flowers and 1 successful pumpkin, so far! We also have a few fruit trees, that are laden with citrus fruit at the minute.





O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones God's messengers! How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn't let me.

Matthew 23 v 37

(We were challenged by this verse on Palm Sunday)

Joshua & Nakia: Are both working full time and are now both studying as well. Joshua started his online degree in March.

They continue as youth leaders at Destiny Church in Atherton on Friday nights.

Pictured right is Joshua with his work colleague Brent. They competed in a local run called 'The Bustard Run'. It's a four hour relay race in a local forest park, each person completing over 20 kms by the end of the event.

Nakia is having her father and his family join them for Easter this year, and we plan to spend some time on Easter Monday with them.



Benjamin: Has started another part time job. He is employed by PCYC (Police-Citizens Youth Clubs) 5 days a week as a youth worker, and works with a team that run a youth programme in both the Primary and High State Schools here in Mareeba. They work with children who attend school under 30% of the time. He also works in the PCYC centre they have here in town, where they organise "afterschool activities" for the youth. He is still cleaning in the hangar at MAF.





for Esther. Clockwise: Year 12 induction evening, Swimming carnival with her fellow sports captains—winners of the house trophy, in Biology class with a piglet (blocked out), School cross country, crossing the line coming third in the Senior Girls race. She has been picked for football for a fourth year to represent this region (Peninsula) at the State Finals in Brisbane in mid-May.

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3. P2-AFD, new caravan which will go to service in PNG soon.

4. Jason spray painting.



Glenn: Since returning from home assignment Glenn has slotted back into the rhythm of the hangar. This year is going to be another busy time for the team with two new C208 aircraft to be readied for service in PNG. The first of the two new C208's aircraft has been completed and has just finished a promotional tour of the east coast on 12th April. The aircraft that it will replace has had some work completed, but first will fly in Arnhem Land, to allow the team to complete some much needed repairs on one of the C208's from Arnhem Land. Glenn has been busy replacing the windscreen on this aircraft. One of the other Engineers (Jason) asked Glenn to teach him how to spray paint. Below is Jason having a go at painting the leading edge of the wing on one of the MAF training centre aircraft, which needed some touching up.



