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Ponderings

Prayer & Praise

- Praise God for the family and friends who have kept me feeling encouraged and loved with little packages and letters, and even phone/Skype calls.
- Pray for my health to stay strong. PNG bugs seems to hit much harder, as our Western bodies are not used to them!
- I give thanks for good relationships with colleagues, and for the friendships that are building out of this. I am blessed to work with some lovely people, both national and expat, and I enjoy sharing conversations and laughs, pineapples and sugar cane!
- Pray for MAF folk to find grace and refreshing every day. PNG can be a tiring and difficult place in which to work and live.
- Pray for the power situation here in PNG. The frequent cuts can be frustrating for daily life, affecting laundry, fridges and freezers, breadmakers etc.
- Praise God for His hand in the great and small. For the misty mountains and the soft pink sunsets, the smiles from strangers and the hugs from market ladies and the simple meals shared with friends.

Em's PNG Dictionary

Babysit (v): to look after an adventurous baby *cuscus* (possum) for a few days

Bargain Buy (n): a free 25g of margarine with your tea bag purchase

Eating Out (v): finding a restaurant or cafe that is open after 5:30pm, parking inside the barbed wire security gates, asking which sections of the menu are available tonight

Express Wash (n): Six guys giving the Twin Otter aircraft a *waswas* (bath)

Hospitable (adj): making sure one has extra candles for guests, for when (not if) the power goes out during dinner

Off Roding (n): the act of driving one's vehicle off to the side of the road, rather than on it, in order to avoid pot holes, pedestrians and stray pigs

Powercut (n): a frequent and inconsequential occurrence that causes no disruption to meetings (people can talk in the dark), dinner (gas stoves carry on) or leisure (reading by candle light is more romantic anyway).

Rock Concert (n): a noisy event in which rocks are thrown at the metal fence outside one's house, presumably for the joy of making a loud clanging sound. Often at 3 a.m.

Smart Shopping (v): purchasing a carton of long life milk that is only partially-crushed, with only three layers of dust, and only expired last month

Wet Season (n): the time of year when the regular afternoon rainfall lasts five hours instead of two,

When Pigs Fly (adv): when the four guinea pigs that I've been chasing all morning are finally packed into boxes and loaded onto the MAF aircraft, ready to be flown out to remote communities (for breeding and, um, consequent eating. Protein can be hard to come by...)



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The Month That Was...

Sometimes the best intentions still end up in a half-written newsletter with a few scattered pictures...

I have not fallen off a PNG mountain or gotten lost in the bush or been cut off by impassable roads, but I have found the past few months busier than expected! Several things combined to keep me from writing this newsletter as quickly as I had planned, including covering for MAF folk who were away on Leave. My compound has six houses on it, and the lady who coordinates all happenings was away for 8 weeks — as was her backup person!

Being Compound Coordinator involved organising cleaning ladies and gardeners, juggling "transit houses" and making sure these are cleaned in between guests, sorting keys for guests, sorting keys for workers, dishing out pay for workers, being on call to sort problems like security gates that won't open, etc!! Needless to say, these circumstances on top of a 10-hr work day (I leave home at 7am, get home at 5pm) meant that June/July were particularly busy. I also came down with a nasty tummy bug which knocked me for a few days...

However, the ladies are back (I take my hat off to them for the amazing job they do of looking after MAF compounds and people — all the time!), I am fully recovered from sickness, and so life is as normal as it gets here in PNG ;)

Another event was hosting two long-time friends, Jeremy & Priscilla Pyle, for two weeks when they visited PNG in June. Their family have been very supportive of my mission work here, and it was great to be able to let them see MAF up close and in action — they even enjoyed a MAF flight!

I still found time to enjoy a number of adventures and enjoyed visiting various friends around the Highland and Enga Provinces. I was privileged to attend a Bride Price ceremony with Peter & Roslynn Anderson, for their adopted daughter Lily, which was an amazing experience! Roslynn met my brother, Joel, in NZ when he was preaching in Carterton, and then ended up meeting my whole family. Meanwhile, I had met Peter in PNG! It's been lovely spending time with them here in Mt Hagen, and they have kindly adopted me as an extra Kiwi daughter ;)

And now I am anticipating the arrival of two very special and long-awaited visitors to Mt Hagen — my mom and sister!!! Mom and Tess will be arriving in PNG on August 6th, and I'm so excited to have the opportunity to share with them my life and work here with MAF. Hopefully they take back many stories and blessings with them also :)

Thank you all for your continued interest, support and prayers. It has been an incredible six months, and I'm continually blessed by the work and ministry of MAF here in PNG, and amazed that I am a part of it. I am so grateful for the part that you play in this as well, and I give thanks to God for all of you back home in NZ (and around the world) who stand behind me and with me in His service.

See my photo gallery on the next two pages for a glimpse of the happenings and adventurings that were squeezed into the last two months. Enjoy!

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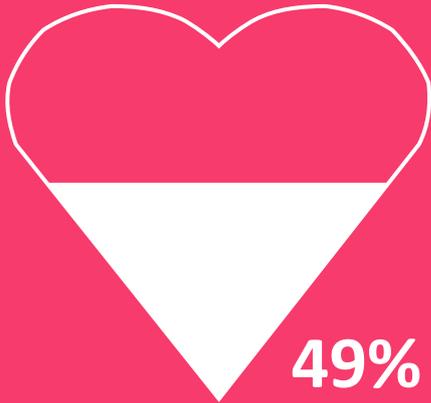
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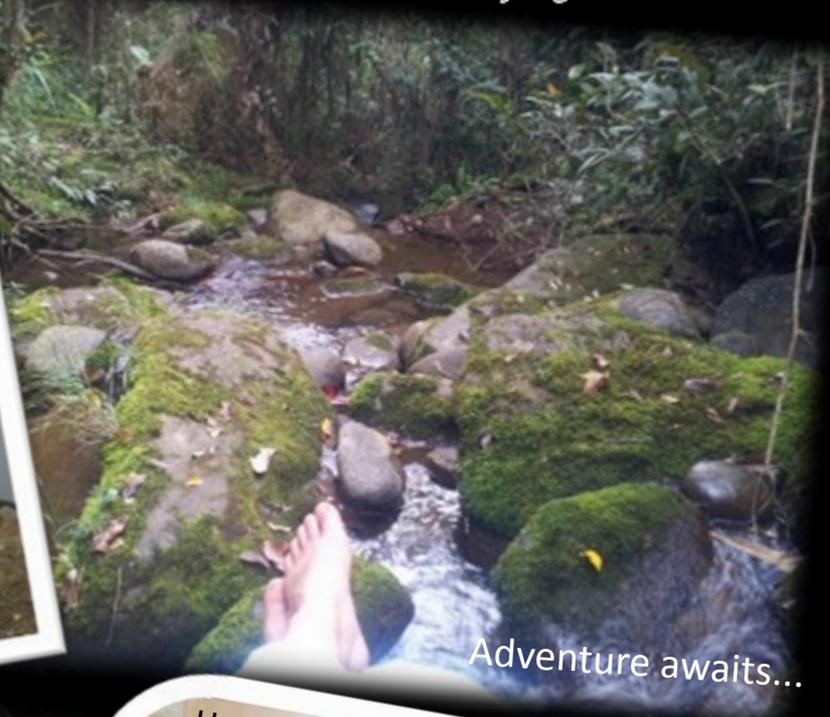
Cuddles!

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Ten is my friend Anton's baby cuscus, and I enjoyed babysitting her a few days!



Adventure awaits...

Being painted at the Bride Price ceremony.



Hanging out with a pastor's kids



Garia is my lovely *haus meri* (house help) She prayed for me when I was sick.



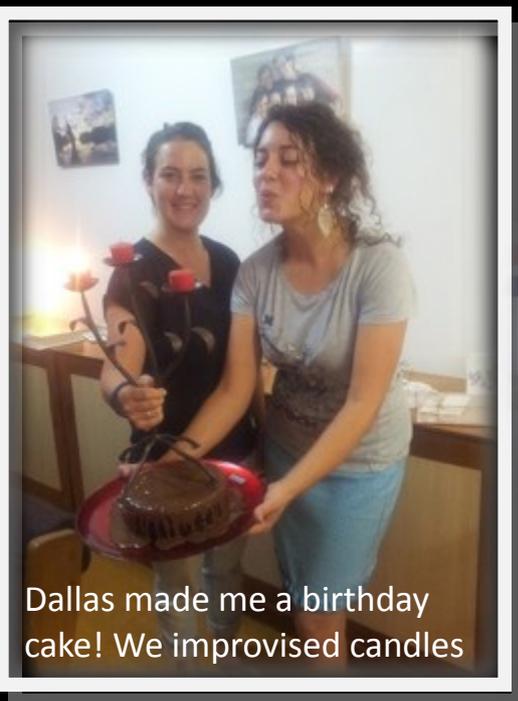
Playing with neighbours!



Exploring Wapenamanda (Enga Province) while staying with friends, Anton & Julie Lutz.



Playing the piano with a baby possum on my shoulder ;)



Dallas made me a birthday cake! We improvised candles



Two gorgeous boys from a pilot family.



Roslynn Anderson and I greet a village lady at the Bride Price Ceremony in Simbu



Peter Anderson and I were the only white skin guests



Spot the possum in the bathroom!