



NEWS FROM NORBS ABROAD

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Hello everybody!

TRACY WRITES...

Much like in our last update, it has been a very mixed two months: Australian adventures, broken bones (just one tiny one really) and wonders/woes in the world of work.

On one hand, as I write I am recovering from a nasty bout of sinusitis and a broken small toe on my right foot – yes, the same foot that has almost recovered from snapping two ligaments just over a year ago.

On the other hand, it's only four weeks since we got back from a really wonderful adventure in Cairns, Northern Queensland where we fed wallabies, climbed waterfalls, saw saltwater crocodiles up close (from behind their enclosure fence!) and explored the Tablelands and coastline a little. We made some wonderful family memories (see back page pictures).

It was also great to catch up with good friends in MAF we hadn't seen for a while and spend some time at the MAF International Office. Having arrived in PNG in 2021 during COVID, we hadn't had the chance to meet most of the folk there and it was great to have some face-to-face contact with our colleagues at last instead of just via Zoom!

What's it like in Cairns?

- It's **LITTER-FREE** (and even the bins are pretty)! This contrasts somewhat with Mount Hagen where rubbish is typically piled into heaps in the streets and burned.
- Incredible animals just wander around everywhere! Tracy nearly ran over a four-foot-long monitor lizard near our lodgings and we were 'serenaded' by laughing Kookaburras each day.
- It has a wonderful seafront called the Esplanade with a man-made salt-water 'lagoon' for swimming in and a variety of play parks. It was a dream come true for the kids.
- It has a cinema! The kids went for the first time ever and loved it.
- We didn't see a pothole in any road the entire time we were there! A friend let us use her car and Rosie particularly enjoyed how easily she could get in and out – no climbing needed like in PNG's huge 4x4s!

While we were away I wondered how we would react to returning to PNG where it is not unusual for us to feel earthquake tremors, hear gunshots and witness the daily challenges that folk here experience. Cairns seemed a bit like a fairyland in comparison. So it was heartening to have Oliver bouncing up and down in his seat with excitement as our return flight touched down in Mount Hagen, to be fulsomely welcomed back by friends and to look with renewed affection on the streets and people belonging to our local neighbourhood. It was great to come back home!

The kids happily returned to the school that they thoroughly enjoy and I was pleased to get back to my training job. Over the past month I have branched out into facilitating training for our Property & Vehicle Maintenance Team and I have also been asked to help out with a training programme for one of our Ground Operations teams. Such fun!

FRASER WRITES...

Well, my current fight is with the internet. It had been good for so long it has come as a bit of a shock that it isn't working. It is also a bit of a worry as we have recently decided to switch to a web-based piece of software for our main accounts programme. Unfortunately, an earthquake has damaged the undersea internet cables so there isn't much we can do. It was a rather comical sight us using a mobile phone hotspot for a few minutes before changing to a router then over to the satellite and repeating every few minutes to get our work done!

Even with the additional difficulties it is good to be back. Such a great team to be a part of. Even if I am working unusual hours, I can see MAF planes taking off from my office window. I usually don't know exactly what they are doing but I know it will be life changing for someone.

If you are a person who prays we would love it if you could take a look at our prayer update on the right.

Our next newsletter is due out in November. To find out what is going on with us in the meantime please do look up 'Norbs Abroad' on YouTube and Facebook or email us!

We really appreciate you!

With love and big grins from
Fraser, Tracy, Oliver and Primrose

PRAYER UPDATE

Last time we asked you to pray for the authorities in PNG and also for:

All four of us – praise the Lord that we had a great time away and returned to PNG feeling refreshed.

Fraser – he would appreciate your continuing prayer support as he seeks to lead his department through a time of upheaval in the midst of major connectivity issues

The leadership team of MAF PNG – please continue to uphold the team in prayer as they grapple with the issues that arise day-to-day

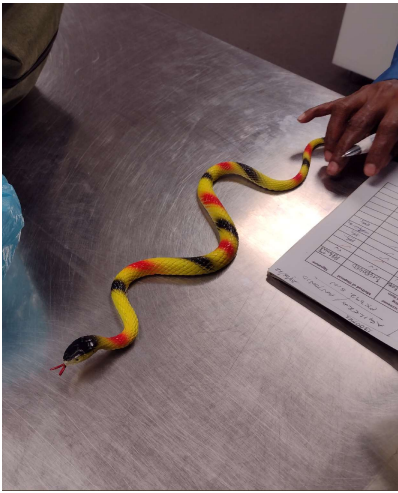
We'd also really appreciate it if you could pray for **Oliver and Rosie**.

- **Rosie** is determined to be 'the best in her class' at school (!) which has been achievable this year but will present her with a big challenge as she moves into a mixed Grade 1/Grade 2 class after Christmas. She is already concerned about this.
- Oliver has asked that you pray for protection for his health. (His recent experiences of being sick and having boils have been very unpleasant!) Please also pray for him as he investigates what Father God says about Himself in the Bible.

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Oliver had his toy confiscated by airport security...



...but the real dangers ('jellies' and crocodiles) lurked elsewhere!

Best social distancing signs ever



When we returned the kids skipped back to school...



'Sandwiches' on the Esplanade and relaxing at Emerald Falls



Wallabies and kookaburras



...and enjoyed Independence Day!

