

These last months have been consumed with getting ready for three months in East Timor. This has included additional training for Paul for the forthcoming mountain flying and making sure everything we are involved with in Arnhem Land can continue, including preparations for the annual staff conference, which is coming up fast.

Woodington's Photo Update

The Bangladesh Police Peace Keeping Force took control of the East coast of Timor Leste in March of this year. This is my first MAF flight into their territory landing in Baucau, where I had tea with the commander.



The Bangladesh Peace Keeping Force was very excited about the flight and filmed everything to music from their mobile phones.



During my first two weeks in Timor Leste, I had a medical evacuation every day.

However, there are few ambulances in Dili and this lady had to wait in my plane for another one and a half hours after the evacuation flight before a free ambulance could come to the plane.



Soon I ran out of flying hours, an international restriction on pilots which meant on Sunday I had to take the day off.

During this Sunday, I had three requests for medical evacuations which I could not attend, including two road traffic accidents. I felt quite sick at one point.

God's grace prevailed, and the next day everyone was still alive and the flight continued to fly in and evacuate the injured.

We worked alongside the UN this day who supplied a helicopter also.



Life in Timor Leste is hard. The people are poor and civil unrest continues following 26 years of Indonesian rule in which 250,000 Timorese people lost their lives out of a population of 1.2Million. The average age is 23 years. The average earning per year is less than \$200. A meal in a restaurant costs \$1.50 including a coke. Cockfighting is popular. Malaria and TB are commonplace.



This is our fourth year based in Arnhem Land and we are becoming more settled as time passes. Aaron, pictured below with the wreath, is school captain and his duties here are to lay a wreath on behalf of the Christian school commemorating those who lost their lives in the battle of Kap Yong.

Woodington's Family Update

Monty, our Kangaroo, will be going to a new home in Darwin in three weeks time. It has been a privilege to rear him and we will all miss him dearly.



Clare and the boys have been home alone in Arnhem Land whilst Paul has been in Timor Leste. Please pray for all our family as we are becoming quite spread out.

Kiri is in her second year at Monash University in Melbourne(4000km away) and Immi is in year 12 at Please Lutheran College, Cairns (1700km away).



If you would like to support our family in any way, please contact MAF in the UK(<http://www.maf-uk.org/>) or Australia (<http://www.maf.org.au/>), or visit our WebSite www.woodington.com
Phone: +61 407 045 347, email MAF@woodington.com