



Not so bad to get soaked on a hot day!









Celebrating together a big milestone.







The key is not to get too close, or you will get soaked too.

## A Day to Celebrate

This past week Dan Wanvig flew solo first time as an MAF pilot in Papua. When a pilot returns from his first solo flight, it is tradition here to soak them. And of course, first soaking privileges went to Dan's wife Anna, who also happens to be teacher at Hillcrest School where Helena and Charlotte attend.

Pilots joining MAF come with their commercial rating and at least 500 hours flight time. This qualifies them to go through a technical evaluation at MAF. Later on in the process there is also a flight standardization which teaches them specific skills like flying in the mountains and landing / taking off from small unimproved strips. But it doesn't end there. Once they arrive to the overseas location where they'll serve, they need to complete another few months of flight training specific to that location. Needless to say, soloing for the first time in Papua is a real accomplishment representing years of work. And, of course, it is a cause for celebration!

October 22nd

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