

'Odyssey' north by northwest

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Juggling Tree Tops Style.....

Welcome to our latest babies at Tree Tops Lodge, we have been carefully watching a mother and father Sunbird building a nest hanging from a palm tree in our pool enclosure, fortunately it was not observed by any of the predators around as, they would usually attack the nest before the young are able to fend for themselves. So it was exiting on a Sunday morning to see these little fellows take to the air and never to return to the nest. We watched as the mum & dad moved them around a tree just in front of our balcony until they could fly by themselves, God's creation is amazing.

Over the last few weeks we have been looking at our 'stats' and are happy to report that we have been maintaining an average usage of around 73% which relates to approx. 2500 people for 2017, most of these are missionary folk who are passing through on the way to or from the mission field, we also have the medical emergency evacuations out of PNG. In 2017 we had 113 nights were we where 90 - 100 % full, yes we are very busy!

Our day often starts about 5am and slows down around 9 pm when we close the office, but we are on call 24 hrs and this can often mean 3am phone calls. During the day all the normal 'stuff' needs to happen to allow Tree Tops to run efficiently, like stripping the beds and prepping the rooms, any maintenance that needs to be done as well as handling the reception, booking people in and out, managing the accounting system. Peter is involved in the development of the property which has included the building of the new pool shower / toilet block, re-designing all the down piping and rainwater disposal, building the new shed and being Project Manager for the new accommodation block. Peter has also been tasked with developing a training system to assist the new managers (when we find some) this involves creating an adaptable program to cover as many aspects as possible of the current procedures.

But most important to us is our connection with so many folk, our priority is to take what ever time we need to comfort and listen to our precious guests, we are often the 'shoulder' that is needed in a time of stress, God is good and His timing is always perfect, He gives us the strength we need and takes care of us always.

Please continue to pray for our ongoing staffing needs at Tree Tops Lodge, we are now advertising for a couple to take up Gavin & Sue's position as Manager's. They leave in October 2018, ideally the couple would have experience in management and finance, they would also need to raise support as this is a mission position.



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Psalm 9:10

*Those who know your name will
trust in you, for you, LORD, have
never forsaken those who seek you.*



Prayer Cards

If you would like our prayer card we would love to send you one from New Zealand or Australia, this will give you something to 'pop' up on the fridge so you remember what we look like. We really do appreciate the prayer and love that we get from you all.

Blessings Peter & Avrienne