



The 2019 Prayer Handbook will be sent to you in October. If you don't receive this by the end of October, please email [maf@maf.org.au](mailto:maf@maf.org.au), call 1800650169 or write to PO Box 7187 Baulkham Hills NSW 2153.

## Week 1 Sep 1st - Arnhem Land

- Praise the Lord for answered prayer. Last month we asked you to pray for the temporary suspension on all GippsAero GA8 flights for Australian registered aircraft impacting our programs in Arnhem Land and Timor-Leste. Praise the Lord that although the original suspension was originally for 15 days, after only 5 days the suspension was fully lifted! Thank you for your prayers and thank you Jesus!
- Anton Zhang - I am currently working on acquiring 400 solar powered audio players which will be used to share God's word among the Yolngu people. These audio players will be loaded with Bible recordings and worship music in Yolngu languages. Please pray that the solar powered audio player project might go well, and that it will be well received and utilised by the Yolngu. I am currently in the process of moving from my flat in Nhulunbuy to a small house in the Aboriginal community of Yirrkala. Praise God for the opportunity to live in Yirrkala amongst the Yolngu people. Pray that I might have opportunities to engage with them, and that I might develop good relationships with the Christian leaders.

## Week 2 Sep 8th - Papua New Guinea

- Axon Family (p.14) - This month we are giving thanks for God's strength to continue despite various illnesses and that people are buying the children's Bibles that we sell. We are also giving thanks that CASA have given approval to operate the Twin Otter until October. Please pray for protection for our health, for MAF PNG as we continue the transition to a single type fleet and for us as we prepare for home assignment in October.
- Praise God for the successful 'Family and Film Festival' organised by MAF Technology Services (CRMF) with the Lutheran Church and the National Sports Institute. We praise God for the hearts that were touched and pray that the seeds planted will grow and bear fruits.
- We praise God for the many opportunities that MAF Technology Services (CRMF) has to do training for pastors in various places in PNG, where we talk about technology use for ministry

and how to handle the internet and other resources in a good way.

- Give thanks that the first student from PNG has started their training at the Mareeba Flight Training Centre.
- Praise God that the MAF Technology Services team (CRMF) recently completed the installation of the HF Radio in Dodomona, a remote village located in the Western Province.
- Praise God that MAF Technology Services (CRMF) are now able to provide local medical centres with vaccine fridges through their office. Giving health professionals access to this vital piece of equipment will improve health care in isolated places.

## Week 3 Sep 15th - Uganda

- Earlier this year you will remember our appeal to help the Ugandan team with an urgent need to replace their 20 year old tractor, crucial to the functioning of the airstrip in Kajjansi. Thanks to your generosity the tractor has been purchased. We praise God for your support, and for the team in Uganda, who are now able to continue playing a vital role in reaching and serving the refugees in Northern Uganda and others around Uganda. Please uphold the Ugandan team in your prayers.
- Praise God we were recently able to transport a critically ill child from Soroti to Kampala, Uganda, for life-saving treatment. Pray for her continued recovery.

## Week 4 Sep 22nd - Timor-Leste

- Pray for the team in Timor-Leste, that they will be able to effectively communicate the importance of airstrip maintenance to the communities they fly to.
- Pray for the team in the Timor-Leste programme as they enter a time of re-structuring and transition in order to increase our impact in this nation.

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## A Little Note

I have recently been putting together the updated version of our Prayer Handbook (it will be in your mailboxes over the coming weeks). This process has involved contacting each of our MAF Australia staff members who are scattered around the world, confirming their current information and requesting updated family photos to include in the handbook.

Over this period of contacting our staff for the handbook, we have also been visited in the MAF Australia office in Sydney by two families on 'home assignment' and I have enjoyed listening to their stories of life on the mission field, and the sometimes funny observances of their MKs (Mission Kids) when coming back 'home' to Australia for a holiday.

As I look at the Prayer Handbook design file on my computer screen, inserting numerous family photos and listing names of parents and children, I can't help but ponder and marvel at the amazing generosity and servant spirit of these Australian families who have chosen such a unique path - not only the parents, but for the children that follow and by default, experience a childhood very different to their Australian counterparts.

We have approximately 165 MAF Australia children on the field and today, Australian Father's Day, no doubt they will be celebrating with their dads wherever they find themselves around the world. We too, celebrate our MAF dads - our MAF MEN - this Father's Day and thank you for showing an amazing example to the next generation by responding to the call on your life and putting Jesus first. We thank you - all MAF MEN, past, present... and future!

Happy Father's Day too to all our supporters - you are all MAF Men too!

Blessings,



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