



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, call 1800650169 or write to PO Box 7187 Baulkham Hills NSW 2153.

Week 1 Sep 29th - Arnhem Land

- Anton Zhang - I am praising God for the opportunity on a recent trip to Darwin to have discussions with Margaret (from the Elcho Translation Centre) and members of Global Recordings Network (GRN) - an organisation who records Scripture, teachings, and worship music in the many languages of the world. We talked about and started planning for a potential recording session in the Nhulunbuy/Yirrkala area. The plan is for GRN to come and run a recording workshop next month to record portions of Scripture in some of the Yolngu Matha dialects. This is very exciting, as many Yolngu have told MAF staff about their desire to hear the word in their own dialect. Please pray for the planning and preparation surrounding this workshop. Pray that the Lord may provide good readers, and a good location to do the recording, and that the recordings may impact Yolngu lives.

Week 2 Oct 6th - Timor-Leste

- Southcott Family - We are giving thanks that in September, Tim flew his 100th flight in Timor-Leste with 70 of those being MEDEVAC flights. It is a privilege to be able to serve the people of Timor-Leste in this way. Tim has transported quite a number of mothers with complications in labour recently. With Anna nearing the end of her pregnancy these flights take on extra significance for him. We are giving thanks that through MAF and our partners we are able to impact the lives of these parents and unborn children. We also give thanks for the quality healthcare we have access to in Australia. Please pray for our little baby's healthy growth/development and for Anna's health/energy during the last trimester. Please also pray for the continued healing of Timor-Leste as a nation and for healing of its people who have experienced trauma.
- Job Family (p.15) - Praise God with us for our MAF Timorese staff, for their hard work to help us operate safely and more efficiently. Pray that each one will continue to grow in their faith and love of Christ. Pray for protection and safety over each one and their families. Please also praise God with us for His faithfulness throughout our 8 years of ministry with MAF!

Week 3 Oct 13th - Papua New Guinea

- Give thanks that the new Redbird flight simulator is now operational in PNG. This new tool will allow more training more safely and at a lower cost, while not impacting day to day ministry by using operational aircraft.
- Higlett Family - We continue to have regular power disruptions and need more rain, please pray for both of these situations. The dangers at the intersection in front of our house are not yet resolved as work on the road is slow and congestion is at its worst when a body arrives from Port Moresby and bus loads of mourners wait. Pray for the safety of pedestrians and those who are still selling on the street there. We are waiting on the technical appraisal of what we need for our solar system. Please pray that this comes through so we can request funds for the project.

Week 4 Oct 20th - Staffing & Operations

- We have a critical need for an aircraft engineer in Mongolia. Please pray that someone with the correct licenses is able to join the team.
- Pray for new staff families who are settling into their new homes after arriving in programme. Pray that they build good relationships and come to grips with their new culture quickly.
- As many enter a busy season working towards the end of the year, pray for good health in all of our staff and their families.

Week 5 Oct 27th - MAF Australia

- Please pray for all our sponsors and donors who pray and give graciously to keep the ministry alive - including yourself!
- Please pray for our advocates and Church champions who serve MAF and their local Church. They have been attending numerous airshows, church events and school events around the country and we are very grateful for their time and passion for MAF.
- Please pray for the candidates on deputation as they prepare for service with MAF.

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A Little Note

Throughout the month of September on the MAF Australia social media pages (facebook, instagram and twitter) we have been publishing a weekly series with the tagline "Singalong September" where we have been featuring beautiful photos of MAF aeroplanes accompanied by the lyrics of selected Christian worship songs to inspire and motivate our social media followers.

My favourite of the worship songs we have featured has to be "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (even if I do get a flashback of Whoopi Goldberg in Sister Act each time I think of the song). The lyrics go like this:

*"Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!"*

*All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee."*

So poetic, yet so simple, reminding us of the joy we have in Jesus, just because of who He is, what He has created around us, and what He has done for us.

J.O.Y. - Jesus.Only.You.

My prayer for you this October is "may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit" (Romans 15:13). Thank you for your continued prayers for the work of MAF.

Blessings,



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