



Week 1 Nov 29th: Kenya

- Cuthel Family (p.6) - Give praise for a safe home, work to do and good health and for God's guidance and team unity as MAF Kenya goes through a restructuring process. Please also give thanks for continued online/home schooling for the kids despite being stuck at home and for a low mortality rate in Kenya even as COVID-19 cases start to rise again. Please pray for safety on the roads, in the skies, and even in our home and compound, for wisdom and strength for Ryan in his role as MAF-Kenya Country Director, and for those who have been made redundant to find more work quickly. Please also pray for Kenya's economy to recover steadily.

Week 2 Dec 6th: Arnhem Land

- Anton Zhang (p.5) - I have recently moved to Ramingining. Please pray for my transition, and that I can build new relationships with people! Please also pray for MAF's vision to see isolated people transformed both physically and spiritually in Jesus' name, and for this vision to be realised among the Yolngu in Arnhem Land. Please pray that we will be an effective witness for Christ through our interactions with passengers and the local community.
- Baertschi Family (p.3) - Praise God that there has been very little impact from COVID-19 in Arnhem Land, our flying is back to normal, and that flights for victims of domestic violence have begun. Please pray for these flights, as well as all the MAF operations in Arnhem Land.
- Simmonds Family (p.5) - Please give thanks that God is using MAF in Arnhem Land. Recently some flights have rerouted to pick up sick passengers in remote homelands and deliver them to hospital in Nhulunbuy. Give thanks for all the training MAF staff have been able to do recently. A number of our pilots have updated their qualifications on the Caravan and some are getting their instructor rating, so that they can train new pilots with excellence. Mark has also just completed an auditing course.

Week 3 Dec 13th: Uganda

- Please give thanks for the flights we have been able to carry out in Uganda in recent weeks and please pray for more regular flights as our partners return back into the country.
- Please also pray that next year's Presidential elections will be peaceful as the nominations for candidates have already caused a bit of unrest in Uganda.

Week 4 Dec 20th: Staffing

- It is the week of Christmas. Let us give thanks for Jesus!
- Please pray for our staff around the world as they deal with uncertainty, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic where restrictions change regularly.
- Many MAF staff have had to change their Christmas plans due to the COVID-19 pandemic and related travel restrictions. Please pray for peace and joy to be their portion this week despite disappointments, as well as opportunities to share the love of Christ with those around them.

Week 5 Dec 27th: General

- COVID-19 may have limited the opportunities that resourcing groups like MAF Australia and other groups around the world have had this year, but praise God for the opportunities that we have had to raise awareness and funds for MAF, including growing relationships with churches, schools and the corporate world.
- As we come to the close of this very different year, please give thanks for God's protection upon all MAF staff around the world, as well as our faithful supporters. Please pray for MAF groups around the world that as we begin 2021, we continue to be the light in dark situations, bringing hope to the isolated.
- Give thanks for 75 years of Mission Aviation Fellowship. 75 years of Flying for Life.

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A Little Note

I recently had the opportunity to share on an online Zoom call for working women organised by my Pastor, about the challenges of being a 'working mum, active in ministry, with three young children'.

At first I didn't feel qualified to be the one speaking on such a topic as many people in the call would surely be busier than me – I work part time, others work full time, I have three kids, others have five!

However, as I reflected over my working career since becoming a mother almost 14 years ago, I had a growing sense of just how good my Father has been to me, even though many moments throughout my story I have felt stagnant, bored, useless and a host of other negative thoughts. In hindsight, I can see that every single moment has happened at the right time and for the right reason. Opportunities, setbacks, ideas, realisations, failure, boredom, worry, anticipation... I have experienced them all and for that I am grateful. Truly this awareness makes me excited to see what the future holds!

Since becoming a mum I have had a period of working full time, working for free as a mum and volunteer at church, and now in my happy place with a combination of all three – working part time in a job where I can serve Him, volunteer ministry at church continuing too, and the most important job of all – being a mum to three children, now aged 9, 11 and 13.

God has chosen me for all these roles. I am perfectly positioned where I am supposed to be and I have realised that I should feel honoured, not overwhelmed, no matter what the day throws at me! I pray that you realise this too, whatever you find yourself doing (or not doing).

As we come to the close of what has been a truly extraordinary year for the planet, I pray that joy and peace will be your portion. "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." - Philippians 4:6-7.

A joyful heart is good medicine, and the best gift we can give our families this Christmas time.

Merry Christmas on behalf of all of us at MAF Australia,



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