



If you haven't received our new 2021 Staff Prayer Handbook (which this prayer guide refers to) and would like to, 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 Jan 31st: Arnhem Land

- Simmonds Family (p.4) - Give thanks for Jesus and for rest over Christmas. Please pray for the MAF families whose travel is affected by COVID-19 and cannot do home assignment. Please pray that their support levels do not decrease. Give thanks that Jodie will be teaching Bible across the middle school next year. Please pray that she can introduce the students to Jesus and that they would choose to follow Him. Please pray for the MAF leadership team. Please pray they have wisdom to know how we can be most effective at reaching the lost despite the current challenges.
- Anton Zhang (p.4) - Please pray for God's protection over pilots and that we will make good decisions during wet season flying. Pray for the Yolngu people who recently received some solar audio Bibles from MAF; pray that they will listen and be impacted by God's Word. Please continue to pray that God will provide one Yolngu man here in Ramingining who I can do discipleship with - this has been something on my heart for a while. Continue to pray that I can build good relationships with people in the community.
- Melissa Barclay (p.3) - Give thanks to God for faithful sponsors and prayer partners and that there is no COVID-19 in Arnhem Land. Please pray for this new season and vision for MAF Arnhem Land, for ongoing community connections for myself personally as well as MAF and for strength, vision and unity in the local church community here.

## Week 2 Feb 7th: Papua New Guinea

- Axon Family (p.12) - We are very thankful to God that we have returned back to Papua New Guinea (PNG) after many months in Australia being unable to travel due to COVID-19 restrictions. Thank God that our travel went smoothly with no misadventures. Please pray for us as we settle back into the rhythm of life and work here in PNG.

## Week 3 Feb 14th: Timor-Leste

- Painter Family (p.13) - Please pray for us as Matthew takes up the role as Country Director in Timor-Leste. Please also pray for the children as they begin school in Timor-Leste, that they can settle in well, that they would be able to meet some great friends and have lovely teachers. Please pray for MAF Timor-Leste with ongoing challenges to keep serving amidst the difficulties of the current time.
- Southcott Family (p.13) - We are giving thanks to God for our new little baby and that so far pregnancy has been fairly smooth for Anna. We also praise God that Anna has been able to get nursing work and for the time our son William has had at Prep whilst we have been in Australia this year. Please pray for wisdom as we continue making plans to return to Timor-Leste. Please also pray for the continued health of Anna and the baby and for our family as we continue to navigate living between two worlds. Pray for the local MAF staff in Timor-Leste as they continue to shoulder extra responsibilities and for the poor and vulnerable people in Timor-Leste who are most affected by the COVID-19 situation

## Week 4 Feb 21st: General & Staffing

- Give thanks that we have sold a GA8 aircraft and pray for buyers to come forward for the other MAFI aircraft which are for sale.
- Pray for prospective students who are trying to sort out the extra paperwork required due to COVID-19 to be able to train at the Flight Training Centre in Mareeba.
- Praise God that we have filled the role of experienced mission pilot in Bangladesh. We need one more person to step into this role. Pray that the right person will come forward.
- We have a critical need for Chief Engineers in Chad and Liberia. Pray that these roles will be filled in good time.

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# A Little Note

It could be said, that this time last year (February), was the last ‘normal’ month anyone around the world experienced before our lives were turned upside down.

By this time last year though, Australia had already been through a lot and in February 2020 God placed the following verse on my heart as shared to you all in this forum a year ago and in response to what I had witnessed during the bushfires of early 2020. Who knew a year ago, just how relevant this verse would be for the whole year, and continues to be now:

“Get along among yourselves, each of you doing your part... Gently encourage the stragglers, and reach out for the exhausted, pulling them to their feet. Be patient with each person, attentive to individual needs. And be careful that when you get on each other’s nerves you don’t snap at each other. Look for the best in each other, and always do your best to bring it out. Be cheerful no matter what; pray all the time; thank God no matter what happens. This is the way God wants you who belong to Christ Jesus to live.” (1 Thessalonians 5:13-18 MSG).

One year later many people are more exhausted than ever with the uncertainties, concerns, danger and bad news that continues to engulf our society. Even some who were previously strong in faith are waiving due to the ongoing pressures. Now, more than ever, as we turn our attentions to the responsibilities and pursuits of 2021 as friends, parents, children, employees, employers, congregation, brothers and sisters in Christ, may I encourage you to ponder these verses in 1 Thessalonians 5:13-18 and commit to doing your part to get along with others, to encourage others, to be attentive to others needs, to being cheerful no matter what and all the other commands that Paul writes.

I would also like to remind you of this verse as we embark into the adventure of 2021: “He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.” - Isaiah 40:29-31.

My prayer for you this February is that you will continue to find joy and strength in Him and spread the good news to a world who needs it more than ever.

Blessings,



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