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January 1 (Monday)

Dear Lord, as we stand on the threshold of a new year, grant us the wisdom to embrace change, the strength to overcome challenges, and the grace to spread love and kindness in the days ahead. May this year be filled with hope, joy, and blessings for all. Amen.

January 2 (Tuesday)

Dear Lord, bless the staff and aircraft of Mission Aviation Fellowship with unwavering safety and divine guidance as we continue our mission into 2024 to bring help, hope and healing to the remote corners of the world. Amen.

January 3 (Wednesday)

Recruitment Team (p.15) – Please pray for new families transitioning to program in the coming months and for families who are leaving or moving programs or re-entering their home countries.

January 4 (Thursday)

Lindsey Family – join us in praising God for a fantastic 2023 filled with many adventures. Please pray for the enrolment of more students at the Flight Training Centre in **Mareeba** and that our ministry partnership target will be reached.

January 5 (Friday)

Marketing and Communications Team (p.16) – Praise God for the many donors who supported the Christmas appeal – Solar panels for the base in Wewak. **Papua New Guinea**.

January 6 (Saturday)

Pray for renewed hope in the countries where we serve. Many of our programs are undergoing a lot of staff changes, particularly with leadership. Pray for encouragement for the leadership, staff and families in this time of change.

January 7 (Sunday)

Job Family (p.9) - Pray that God would send someone to fill the Head of Maintenance (Chief Engineer) position at MAF **Mareeba**, which has just recently become available. Praise God Jason has successfully completed all his exams for the first level of his apprenticeship.

January 8 (Monday)

Give thanks for people in our organisation who are continually looking for ways to improve the way we work. Pray for good relationships amongst the growing pains, as new systems and practices are implemented.

January 9 (Tuesday)

Give thanks for training provided to medical doctors in **Papua New Guinea** by MAF Technologies. These doctors had two weeks of training with solar and HF radio installation, as well as basic troubleshooting of technical issues.

January 10 (Wednesday)

Nielsen Family - Praise God for many opportunities to grow personally and support God's work in East **Arnhem Land** in 2023. Please pray for God's continued guidance of the MAF leadership team on how best to meet the needs of the Arnhem Land community. Pray for God's provision of needed manpower to match the aircraft maintenance needs here.

January 11 (Thursday)

Pray that MAF staff working overseas can still focus on sharing God's Word when distractions arise, that could easily knock them off course. May the words of Joshua 24:15, "Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve... But for me and my household, we will serve the Lord", be an encouragement to them today.



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January 12 (Friday)

Axon Family (p.11) – Our time with MAF is now over. Praise God for safety over 13 1/2 years of flying and living as a family in **Papua New Guinea**, for the friendships that we have been blessed with, for the things that we have learned about God, ourselves and life and for His steadfast love and faithfulness. Please pray that God would raise up pilots for the PNG program and the work of MAF worldwide.

January 13 (Saturday)

Towards the end of last year, MAF launched a new, twice-weekly shuttle service to south-western **Uganda**, operating on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please pray that the partners who choose to use the flights would demonstrate God's love, especially to those living in Mbarara, Kihhi and Kasese.

January 14 (Sunday)

Mollenhauer Family (p.12) – In November, James was pleased to be able to attend the graduation of Patrick, the trainee electrician we have been assisting. Praise God for the opportunity Patrick had to study, and please pray for him as he now puts his training into practice as our electrician with MAF in Juba, **South Sudan**.

January 15 (Monday)

Recruitment Team (p.15) – Please pray for the numerous critical roles that currently exist in MAF programs around the world, in particular the roles of country directors and engineers. Please pray that the hearts of the right people will be stirred to serve.

January 16 (Tuesday)

Hermanus Family (p.9) – Please pray for the **Mareeba** Engineering Team who are quite busy with multiple overlapping jobs due to lack of engineers, especially the Licensed Aircraft Maintenance Engineers (LAME).

January 17 (Wednesday)

Marketing and Communications Team (p.16) - As time goes by, MAF's mission requires new and updated aircraft. Please pray for wisdom as MAF staff begin to talk about this vital need with new and existing supporters.

January 18 (Thursday)

Gifts in Wills Team - Please pray for MAF's new bequest program. This month we are reaching out to many supporters with an information pamphlet. Pray this idea would be given prayerful consideration.

January 19 (Friday)

Please continue to pray for the leaders of **South Sudan** in the country's protracted transitional period. Pray each month that they will choose to co-operate and will peacefully achieve the nation's first democratic election in December this year.

January 20 (Saturday)

Ethan McMaster – Pray for continued relationship building opportunities in community in **Arnhem Land**. Please pray for safety of pilots and passengers in the wet season.

January 21 (Sunday)

In Matthew 25:40 we read, "The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Pray that MAF will continue to demonstrate this kind of love through its ministry.

January 22 (Monday)

Church Relationships Team (p.14) – We are praising God for the number of churches we get to speak with regularly. Please pray that we might reach more churches this year, and build strong relationships with them.



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January 23 (Tuesday)

Business Partnerships Team (p.15) – we are grateful for all the businesses in Australia that partnered with MAF in 2023. As things begin to get busy again in this new year, please pray for the team to find creative and inspirational ways to connect with businesses in 2024, to achieve the greater mission of MAF.

January 24 (Wednesday)

Purdey Family (p.10) – have been serving with MAF for more than 10 years. After serving in Arnhem Land and Madagascar, they are currently living in **Mareeba** and serving at the Flight Training Centre. Please give thanks for this family, for 10+ years of service and for the family in 2024.

January 25 (Thursday)

Mollenhauer Family (p.12) - We have spent a few months modifying a trailer with a relocatable 50kVA generator and large 200 litre fuel tank. We are thankful for God's timing for the provision of funds and resources to have a "mobile" generator for emergencies.

January 26 (Friday)

Coffee Family – please pray for us that we rely on God's grace each day through our tiredness and culture shock. Please pray for the children, James, Zoe and Isabelle to flourish here, and to make friends of many backgrounds. Pray for diligence in the language learning we are completing and for good connections with our family and friends far away, even as we begin to make stronger connections with the people around us.

January 27 (Saturday)

David Chandler (p.4) – As MAF **Arnhem Land** seeks to serve the local community to our fullest extent, we are looking for new ways and new opportunities to do so. We have plans for a remote shuttle service, weekly outreaches and a designated medical evacuation plane. Please pray for these plans. Please also pray for a continued renewing and strengthening of the Church in Arnhem Land. Pray for the short-staffed and overworked medical services in Gove.

January 28 (Sunday)

Hermanus Family (p.9) - Praise the Lord that we had the opportunity to visit our relatives in Indonesia after 6 years apart and that God brought us back home safely.

January 29 (Monday)

Please pray for MAF kids worldwide, who are with their parents on the field, often dealing with home-schooling and missing their friends back home. Pray for strength to deal with the isolation of being a missionary kid.

January 30 (Tuesday)

Schools Team (p.13) – Please pray for our schools team in 2024, that more and more students will hear about and fall in love with the vision and mission of MAF, to reach the isolated people of the world.

January 31 (Wednesday)

As the school year begins in Australia for a new year, please pray for MAF in **Arnhem Land**. Half of MAF flights in Arnhem Land support education, with our aircraft reducing a 6-hour drive to 40 minutes for students of Dawurr Boarding School in Nhulunbuy. Give thanks for every flight that brings help, hope and healing to remote and isolated people.



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A Little Note

Happy New Year!

Let's begin this new year by expressing gratitude to God for His continuous protection over us throughout the past year. The fact that we have awakened to a new morning, in a new year, is a testament to His grace and boundless love.

Thank you Jesus that your *"steadfast love...never ceases; (Your) mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."* - Lamentations 3:22-23 (ESV)

Regardless of the challenges in the past year, today, and every day, is an opportunity for a fresh start and a new beginning.

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." – Isaiah 43:18-19 (NIV).

As we focus on the possibilities of the new year – new opportunities, experiences, adventures and chances to grow – I pray that strength, courage, wisdom, revelation and the joy that comes from Him and Him alone are your portion.

May this year be filled with blessings and positive transformations in Jesus' name.

We also want to give thanks for your commitment to praying for our staff and the work of MAF around the world. It is of utmost importance to the continuing work of MAF in 2024, and for this we give thanks in advance for upholding us in your prayers over the coming year.

Have a blessed month (year) ahead.

Blessings,

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