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March 1 (Friday)

We have several low hour pilots progressing through our training schemes, for whom we give thanks. However, we also need more experienced pilots who can mentor them and handle more difficult flying environments. Please pray for more experienced pilots, to hear the call of God to serve with MAF.

March 2 (Saturday)

Relationships Team (p.14) – MAF Australia is attending the Airshows Downunder event in Shellharbour, NSW, this weekend. Please pray that many people visit our stand and get to know the work of MAF.

March 3 (Sunday)

Today, on World Wildlife Day, let's praise God for His amazing creativity. The incredible creatures that He created help sustain life for us all.

March 4 (Monday)

Management Team (p.13) – Please pray for the development of new values statements by MAF International. Pray that all of the MAF offices around the world will work together with growing unity, as we partner to increase MAF's global impact.

March 5 (Tuesday)

Zwijnenburg Family (p.12) – Please pray for Jeroen and Diana, who are currently on home assignment in South Australia. Pray that God will continue to fill them with strength and passion, as they share about MAF's work and their experiences in Kompam, PNG.

March 6 (Wednesday)

Give thanks for the hundreds of remote airstrips undergoing rehabilitation, thanks to the airstrip maintenance initiative run by the RAA in **Papua New Guinea**. This essential work allows MAF to serve in new communities and return to serving in those where the airstrips needed to be maintained.

March 7 (Thursday)

Marketing and Communications Team (p.16) – Tomorrow, on International Women's Day, MAF are launching a new initiative, celebrating the women of MAF. Please pray that this campaign resonates with women around Australia, especially younger women, who might be considering a career in mission aviation.

March 8 (Friday)

Today is International Women's Day. Please pray for all the women who serve with MAF globally in a variety of different positions, for the women MAF serves in isolated regions and for the women MAF partners with to bring help, hope and healing to God's people.

March 9 (Saturday)

In **Timor-Leste**, the team have started a project called Closing the Loop, which ensures that the brave patients we fly can receive a return flight home, as soon as they are able to leave hospital. Please pray for these flights and rejoice with us as we see people joyfully reunited with their communities.

March 10 (Sunday)

Mollenhauer Family (p.12) - Please pray for wisdom, peace and safety for our local staff and their families. Many are fearful of events leading up to the scheduled election at the end of the year, and with school fees being so expensive, some are choosing to relocate their families to Uganda for safety and education. Pray that people will not make decisions out of fear and that we will know best how to support and encourage our brothers and sisters, ultimately with the hope we have in the Lord.

March 11 (Monday)

Pray for wisdom as the team in **Kalimantan, Indonesia** continues to seek out ministry opportunities and discern how to best serve alongside the local church.



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March 12 (Tuesday)

The team at MAF Australia are looking to support MAF **Arnhem Land** and their current housing needs. Please pray for wisdom and support as we look to develop a project plan and scope for housing refurbishment in Arnhem Land.

March 13 (Wednesday)

This year, MAF **Madagascar** is partnering with Mercy Ships, whose vessel has now arrived on the East Coast of the island. Pray for the team as they transport Mercy Ships personnel to remote locations throughout Madagascar.

March 14 (Thursday)

Business Partnerships Team (p.15) – Give thanks for growing partnerships with businesses operating in and around the local area where the MAF Australia office is located. Pray for more fruitful connections with these businesses – not just for financial support but also for opportunities to speak hope and life.

March 15 (Friday)

Gift in Wills Team (p.15) – In April, Dave is running a series of events in Victoria, connecting with MAF supporters. Please pray for good connections and encouraging conversations during these events.

March 16 (Saturday)

Pray for the nation of **Guinea** as the government has been dissolved by Guinea's military junta, which seized power in a coup in 2021. Pray also for our staff as they navigate this period of uncertainty.

March 17 (Sunday)

Recruitment Team (p.13) – Please pray for a number of critical roles to be filled - Country Director roles in **Papua New Guinea (PNG), South Sudan (SS), Chad and Liberia**, House Residential Managers in **PNG**, as well as Finance Manager roles in **PNG** and **SS**.

March 18 (Monday)

Marketing and Communications Team (p.16) – Please pray for wisdom for development of digital infrastructure (Salesforce, Marketing Cloud, website) so we can better service our donors and deliver God's plans for this ministry.

March 19 (Tuesday)

Recruitment Team (p.13) – Both of MAF Australia's newest pilots, Mel Higgins and Joe Farren, are travelling today to **Arnhem Land** to continue their flight training. Please pray for safety, for insight, for guidance, for blessings and grace as they begin their time serving with MAF on the field.

March 20 (Wednesday)

Today is the International Day of Happiness. Give thanks for the joy that comes from serving others. Pray that the work of MAF brings smiles to faces and that the happiness we spread is a reflection of Jesus' boundless love and grace.

March 21 (Thursday)

Today is Harmony Day in Australia, a day that celebrates Australia's diverse population. Praise God for the amazing variety of races and cultures who call Australia home. Please pray for continued harmony, unity and peace in multicultural Australia.

March 22 (Friday)

Today is World Water Day, an annual United Nations observance, that celebrates water and raises awareness of the 2 billion people currently living without access to safe water. In many isolated areas of the world, having access to reliable food, clean water and adequate shelter is a daily struggle. Many of MAF's partners around the world, work tirelessly to address this critical issue and we are grateful to be able to assist when we can - flying in pipes, wells, water, pumps and workers. Please pray for these partners and these flights.



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March 23 (Saturday)

Job Family (p.10) – Please pray for us to have “teachable hearts” as we learn, study and follow Christ with others in our local church. Help us see where we can be involved and who we need to love most. Pray for Jason as he prepares a mission spot for April about being a mission aviation engineer and pilot.

March 24 (Sunday)

Dear Jesus, as we enter into this Palm Sunday, may we reflect on the humility and love You demonstrated as You entered Jerusalem. Grant us the grace to follow in Your footsteps, to embody compassion, kindness and forgiveness in our own lives every day. Bless us with the strength to carry our crosses and the courage to walk alongside others in their trials. On this holy day, may we remember the significance of Your sacrifice and the promise of redemption it brings. Amen.

March 25 (Monday)

Patience is something that our overseas teams need in abundance. The remote locations that they serve and the different cultures that they experience often work to very different rhythms and timetables from those they are used to. Please pray for anyone waiting for parts, people or a change in the weather.

March 26 (Tuesday)

We praise God for the partnership MAF in **Arnhem Land** have with the Miyalk Crisis Accommodation Centre in Nhulunbuy. In 2023, MAF evacuated 101 women and children on 44 flights in partnership with this organisation.

March 27 (Wednesday)

Please pray for safe flights today. Our pilots show skill, quick reactions and courageous love as they fly in and out of some of the world’s roughest, steepest and most challenging airstrips.

March 28 (Thursday)

Remember the MAF Technologies team in **Papua New Guinea** and pray for patience as they serve the communities around them. The team helps install radios and solar panels, trains people on how to use computers and shows them how to access the bible on MP3 players.

March 29 (Friday)

Today is Good Friday, a day when we can reflect on how, without the cross, people would be without hope and without God. Give thanks for Jesus, and give thanks for MAF and other Christian organisations that seek to make the world a better place by uplifting the name of Jesus in all that they do.

March 30 (Saturday)

Marketing and Communications (p.16) – the MAF Australia autumn appeal is now live. Please pray for hearts and minds to be opened to receive the request well.

March 31 (Sunday)

On this blessed Easter Sunday we rejoice in the resurrection of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, Who conquered death to bring us eternal life. Give praise to Him and Him alone!



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A Little Note

Suddenly, without realising (although of course deep down I knew it would come eventually), I find myself this year on the brink of change as my eldest completes her final year of high school and grows more and more independent in her thinking, her schedule and her actions.

Even just writing this makes me tear up a bit as I reflect on the past 17 years of glorious parenthood. She is the one that made me a mother, the one that taught me what it means to love unconditionally, as Jesus loves us.

I find myself praying more and more that my daughter will continue to seek wisdom from God, as she navigates her growing independence. She is on fire for Him, making an amazing impact as she serves the students of her public high school as their Captain, with the type of servant leadership and love that she has learnt from His example. For this I am grateful. But with eternal impact comes dark opposition, please pray for His protection over her continuously.

In this new season, please pray for me as well as I learn to let go, as I learn to more and more release her into God's hands and trust that He has a plan for her and that He is always watching over her, guiding her and working in her life for good.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV): "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight."

Thank you for praying for the work of MAF around the world, and for my family and I as well.

God bless and Happy Easter for the end of the month!

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