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Global Week of Prayer - Sudan

"The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."
- Psalm 34:18 (NIV)

This year's theme is 'The Lord is near' (Psalm 34:18). It is a timely reminder that God draws close to those who are suffering, displaced, fearful and grieving. Across our world, millions of people are living through the devastating effects of conflict and crisis.

As an organisation, we have been particularly impacted by the humanitarian crisis unfolding in Sudan. Widely considered the largest humanitarian crisis of our time, it has forced millions of people from their homes, torn families apart and created immense need across the region. Yet despite its scale, it often receives little attention from the wider world.

For many, Sudan represents the heartland and birthplace of MAF's work in Africa. Today, as the crisis continues, we are responding through the Sudan Response Collective, bringing together our teams in Chad, South Sudan, Uganda and our newly established resourcing hub in Kenya. Together, we are seeking to support those affected by conflict and strengthen our ability to respond where help is needed most.

Over the coming years, we want to position ourselves to play an even greater role in supporting communities impacted by this crisis. While MAF can provide practical help through aviation, logistics and connectivity, we know that lasting peace, protection and restoration comes from God. That is why prayer remains central to our response.

Join with us during this week as we draw near to God's heart for those who are hurting and bring them before Him.

WEEK 1 NOVEMBER 1-8 PRAYER POINTS - SUDAN

- Pray for the Sudanese refugees fleeing for their lives. Pray for safety and protection as they make their way into neighbouring countries. Pray for women, children and the elderly, who are the most vulnerable to exploitation and violence.
- Pray for perseverance and renewed hope for young Sudanese students who have had to flee for their lives, leaving their studies and hopes for future careers behind.
- Pray for those who have witnessed the killing of family and friends. Pray for mental and emotional healing. Pray for those injured in their flight to safety, pray that they receive needed medical care.
- Pray for strength and steadfastness for parents wanting to protect and provide for their families and improve their situation, but with no way of getting jobs to earn money in the refugee camps.
- Pray for MAF's Sudan Response Collective, as they strive to make the best decisions regarding how MAF can bring help, hope and healing to refugee crises in Sudan, South Sudan, Chad and Uganda.
- Pray for MAF country directors: Esmara Gaalswijk (Chad), David Bebb (South Sudan), Faith Susan (Kenya) and Sam Baguma (Uganda), as they seek guidance and prepare for a more Sudan-focused outlook in their countries, and balance the needs in their own countries with the unfolding crises next door.
- Pray for Ruth Jack, Director of Programs, Africa, as she leads the Sudan Response Collective. Pray for wisdom and unity within the team as they seek the best way to serve the people of Sudan.

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Spreading God's Love

"In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." - Philippians 1:4-6 (NIV)

For much of the time, our MAF teams of admin staff, engineers, ground crew and pilots are busy with flight schedules, making sure the loading is correct, checking the weather situation and that the passengers are sitting in the right places and are safe.
It's in the day-to-day interactions, showing respect, care and love to those we serve through this tool of aviation, that helps MAF to spread God's Word to the furthest reaches.
MAF is privileged to be the carrier that enables pastors and Bible translators to reach their remote destinations, so that people can hear and read the Gospel in their own languages. MAF planes fly teachers to isolated schools, so kids can grow up learning to read the Bible for themselves. MAF flies missionaries to far-flung villages, so that people who have never heard the good news of Jesus can be told and have the opportunity to accept God's love and truth.

WEEK 2 NOVEMBER 9-15 PRAYER POINTS - SPREADING GOD'S LOVE

- Pray for MAF Technologies partner MegaVoice who supply solar powered audio Bibles. In many of the places where MAF serves, having the choice of an audio Bible is crucial, particularly for elderly people who may not be confident to read because of limited education or eyesight difficulties. Pray that audio Bibles will continue to open the door to the Gospel.
- Pray for MAF partner CURE Children's Hospital in Uganda. The medical staff not only treat children's bodies, but also seek to care for and introduce their patient's families to the love and deep healing of God's Word with prayer, encouragement and spiritual support.
- Praise God for the recent celebrations in Tanzania of the 41-year partnership between MAF and the Malambo Discipleship Training Centre. In 1985, the entire parish consisted of around 60 Christians, today there are over 13,000.
- Pray for the families of the 20 children who died in a recent road accident in Uganda. MAF was able to ease the burden of one family and fly their daughter's body back to South Sudan for burial. Pray that MAF can continue to show God's love and compassion by walking alongside people in the difficult times and tragedies of life.
- Pray for school students in mobile schools in Northern Kenya. Praise God, MAF was able to fly teachers to the remote village so they could train teachers. Pray that the children will learn to read the Bible for themselves and learn about God's love.
- Praise God for the delivery of around 1,000 Bibles to the Damal people of Papua. The newly translated Bible was flown by MAF into the village of Illaga and greeted with excitement and hope. Pray that those who read God's Word might experience God's love in their own language.
- Praise God that MAF is able to fly again into the community of Soya, Papua, Indonesia, after it was closed for three months for security reasons. The community was glad to have MAF back, and pilot Tyler Schmidt said it was like visiting old friends again.

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Michael & Naomi Lindsey

'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.' - Romans 15:13 (NIV)

For Michael and Naomi Lindsey, moving to the Northern Territory to serve with MAF feels like a God-orchestrated return journey. But it's unfolded in roundabout and unexpected ways over several years of planning and preparation.

As a second generation MAF pilot, Michael felt a calling to serve specifically in Arnhem Land, where he spent a number of his childhood years.

For Naomi, the idea of serving God in missions spoke to her own convictions as well. "Hearing Michael's heart for mission aviation excited me, as I felt God calling me to use my teaching skills in the places Michael would fly."

After serving for a number of years as an instructor at the Flight Training Centre in Mareeba, Michael and Naomi, along with their young daughter Florence, moved to Arnhem Land early this year.

It has been an exciting and challenging time of navigating difficult goodbyes and settling into a new routine, learning about the Yolŋu culture and language, as well as flying in a new place and building relationships.

"The plan has not looked how I initially thought it would, but I can tell that God's sovereign hand has been in it," says Michael.

WEEK 3 NOVEMBER 16-23 PRAYER POINTS - MICHAEL & NAOMI LINDSEY

- Pray for motivation and perseverance as Michael and Naomi study the Yolŋu Matha language. It is a difficult language to learn, with few resources. Pray that they find opportunities to practice speaking Yolŋu Matha with their neighbours.
- Pray that Michael and Naomi would be able to build meaningful relationships with the community of Yirrkala and around Nhulunbuy.
- Pray for wisdom in how they spend their energy, particularly during the build-up and wet seasons when fatigue quickly sets in.
- Pray for the Yolŋu communities around Arnhem Land with a large number of funerals at present. Pray for the MAF team as they support the communities, through flying body charters and being present during the difficult and heavy times of mourning.
- Pray for the Arnhem Land team as they serve the remote communities, flying teachers, doctors, students and pastors to and from isolated homelands.
- Pray for safety both physically and spiritually for the entire MAF Arnhem Land team, as they seek to not only serve through aviation, but also encourage and strengthen the church through individual discipleship, as well as involvement in the local churches and youth groups.
- Pray for outreach events taking place and that the people who attend will be transformed through the love of Christ.
- Praise God for a special time spent with family recently in Alice Springs.

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MAF in AUSTRALIA STAFF

"Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." - Ephesians 3:20-21 (NIV)

As we approach the end of the year, many of our staff are knuckling down for the final months of events, fundraisers, family visits, holidays and planning for the new year.
We know that we cannot do all that is required in our own strength. Thank you for your faithfulness in lifting us up before God. We know that no matter how big or small our requests are, whatever concerns us, concerns our Heavenly Father.

WEEK 4 NOVEMBER 24-30 PRAYER POINTS - MAF IN AUSTRALIA STAFF

- Pray for Mif and Andy Little and their family (p.15) as their kids begin the last school term of the year, and as they look forward to returning to Australia for a break and reconnecting with family and friends. Pray for strength and fortitude for the next few months. Praise God the kids have settled well into school.
- Pray for Phil and Margaret Snell (p.12) working in Mareeba with the maintenance team and supporting MAF families in Mareeba and Cairns. The Snells have been working with MAF for 30 years. Praise God for their faithful service.
- Pray for our MAF in Australia Fundraising team (p.19) with events taking place in Melbourne. Pray for the Melbourne Prayer Breakfast, and Major donor fundraiser.
- Praise God that Karlos and Caitlin Wilkinson-Sarunic arrived safely in Bougainville with a smooth journey. Pray as they settle into their new home and get to know the other MAF staff and neighbours. Pray for health and good rest during this time of transition.
- Praise God for the amazing response from churches across Australia during our Fuel for Father's Day campaign this year. We are so encouraged and grateful for the love and generosity shown through our partnerships all over the country.
- Pray for our MAF in Australia team as we prepare for the Christmas appeal and Christmas catalogue. These are major fundraisers that take a lot of time and mental creativity and energy. Pray for a great reception from those who are contacted.
- Please pray for wisdom, strength and perseverance for our staff (p.18-21) as we balance day-to-day responsibilities with event planning and ministry opportunities, and that we would continue to work together in unity and with a shared heart for MAF's mission.
- Pray for the MAF in Australia Relationships team (p.19) with upcoming MAF Connect events in Melbourne, Brisbane and Canberra, that invitations reach the right people, that church leaders and alumni are encouraged, and new opportunities for deeper partnerships and future speaking engagements emerge.