

Staff Focus - ALDO FALO

"May your deeds be shown to your servants, your splendour to their children. May the favour of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us - yes, establish the work of our hands." - Psalm 90:16-17 (NIV)

Aldo Falo, with the support of his wife, Julieta, has served with MAF in Timor-Leste for fifteen years. In this time he has taken on a number of different roles. In recent years he has become increasingly involved in aircraft maintenance.

Leading up to Father's Day, we spoke to Aldo about how being a father has impacted how he sees his work with MAF.

What do you enjoy most about working with MAF?

'I mostly enjoy working with MAF in the engineering side. So, I am enjoying my job with the maintenance, and I have a lot of experience from that work.'

How many children do you have?

I have two boys, Aquilis and Valentino.

What is your favourite part of being a father?

So, my favourite part of being a father is spending quality time with my children and watching them learn and grow. I enjoy helping them, encouraging them, and seeing them become confident people. Being a father gives me happiness and a sense of purpose every day.

Has becoming a father changed the way you see the work of MAF?

It has helped me understand even more how important MAF's mission is. As a father I think more about the safety and well-being of families and children in these communities. It motivates me to do my job well because I know that every flight can bring help, hope and healing to the people who need it most.

WEEK 1 SEPTEMBER 1-7 PRAYER POINTS - Falo Family and Timor-Leste

- Please pray that God will keep the Falo family healthy, safe and united. Pray that He will give them wisdom, strength and peace as they support one another. Pray also for God's guidance in their daily lives, and that He will help them grow in faith and truth in Him.
- Pray for Timor-Leste to have peace and hope. Please pray for wisdom for the country's leaders, better opportunities for education and employment, and good health for all people.
- Pray that God will bless the churches and organisations serving the communities and that more people will experience His love and care.
- The Timor-Leste team have completed over 161 medevacs in 2026 and facilitated the return of more than 93 patients through the Closing the Loop Project. We praise God for the opportunity to visit and follow up with our patients, sharing Christ's love.
- Praise God for MAF Hospital Chaplain, Inggrid Pinto and the work that she does caring for medevac patients. Pray that her visits will be a blessing and people will come to faith.
- Pray for the entire MAF Timor-Leste team led by Country Director Lungpinglak Domtta. Pray for safety and unity in the team as they work to serve the isolated communities around the country.

FLYING THE GOSPEL FURTHER...

"And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'" - Romans 10:15 (NIV)

Every person deserves the opportunity to hear the message of hope in Jesus! But for millions of people living in some of the world's most isolated communities, geography remains one of the greatest barriers to the Gospel.

Sharing the hope of Jesus is at the heart of why MAF exists. Yet today, many isolated and underserved regions of the world remain spiritually unreached. Despite growing church movements and missionary activity, poor infrastructure, insecurity, natural disasters and economic instability continue to hinder Gospel outreach. In these environments, flying isn't a convenience – it's the only way to reach people with the message of God's love.

MAF in Australia are launching our new Flying the Gospel Fund specifically to support evangelism, church planting, Bible distribution, and discipleship training in some of the most remote and isolated communities around the world! We greatly value your partnership in this vital aspect of our ministry. Please pray that God will raise faithful, generous supporters who will give sacrificially to advance His Kingdom and fulfill His Great Commission through the work of MAF!

Together, we can help remove the barrier of isolation so the Church can go further, sharing the hope of Jesus with people who may otherwise never hear the Gospel.

WEEK 2 SEPTEMBER 8-14 PRAYER POINTS - Flying the Gospel further...

- Praise God for MAF partner Every Village in South Sudan who run a Christian radio station, support evangelism, Bible distribution and conduct pastoral training. Pray that MAF can continue to enable this ministry to flourish and reach South Sudanese living in remote villages.
- Praise God that MAF was able to provide a two-hour flight to Lutheran missionaries in Guinea, replacing 36 hours of travel on rough roads. Pray for those who gave their lives to the Lord during the mission trip, that they would remain strong and the Kingdom of God would spread throughout the forest region of Guinea.
- Pray for Jean Thierry and Moise Nsengiyumva, Burundian missionaries who flew with MAF to isolated Laarim in South Sudan. Pray as they experience what it is to learn a new language and live in a new culture, that God would work through them to further His Kingdom in South Sudan.
- Pray for the Nalca people in Papua, Indonesia, who have recently celebrated 50 years since the arrival of the Gospel. Praise God that MAF was able to provide transport for those wanting to join in the celebrations.
- Praise God for the thousands of Bibles and Christian materials that are being distributed throughout remote communities in PNG every year from the back of MAF planes. Pray that we can continue to provide this service to people who have no other way to access Bibles.
- Praise God for the dedication of the Bible translation team who completed the translation of the entire Bible into the Damal/Amungme language. Praise God that MAF was able to fly people into the isolated village in Papua to celebrate this incredible feat and distribution of the translation.

MAF AUSTRALIA OFFICE STAFF

"And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first." - Matthew 19:29-30 (NIV)

Our staff in overseas programs work in challenging and intense situations to bring God's light and help to those in need. Please pray for strength for each day. Pray for spiritual protection, for physical safety and for emotional and psychological health and support.

A lot of the time our staff are each other's greatest supporters on the field. Pray for good relationships amongst our staff members, for unity and encouraging times of fellowship.

WEEK 3 SEPTEMBER 15-22 PRAYER POINTS - MAF AUSTRALIA FIELD STAFF

- Praise God for the Alberts family who have recently arrived in Arnhem Land to serve with MAF. Praise God for a positive introduction to life in Arnhem Land. Pray that they can continue to settle into a new community and new routines.
- Pray for staff in PNG. They are grappling with water shortages as drought conditions continue to worsen throughout the whole country. The team in Mt Hagen are now transporting water to the HQ and hanger. Pray that the water that's being sourced is of good quality.
- Pray for the people of PNG who rely heavily on their gardens to produce food for daily consumption as well as selling at market. Pray for rain.
- Pray for Ely Flynn (p 6) who works part-time as an occupational therapist in Arnhem Land. Pray for good relationships and safety in travel as she flies with MAF to homelands communities to work with patients in need of extra care.
- Pray for the Little family (p 15) as they settle into a routine of Andy touring away from the family for weeks at a time. Pray for Mif as she parents their four children and becomes more involved in the school mission community.
- Pray for Mark & Jodie Simmonds (p 9) Pray for Jodie as she juggles work, study and caring for elderly parents.
- Praise God for Safety and Quality managers starting up their new roles in Cairns and Mareeba and that the Safety manager in Arnhem Land is back from maternity leave. Praise God that the filling of these roles eases the burden on Mark Simmonds who had responsibility of them while there were vacancies.
- Pray for more people to join in the work of MAF, serving overseas as managers, pilots, administrators, teachers and engineers, as well as a host of other support roles, so that MAF can continue to bring help, hope and healing to isolated people.

SOUTH SUDAN

"The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the Lord your God." - Leviticus 19:34 (NIV)

Since 1950, MAF has been a lifeline for the people of South Sudan, navigating decades of conflict, instability and challenging terrain to bring critical services to isolated communities.

South Sudan, with over 11 million residents, has faced prolonged conflict, including two civil wars and ongoing internal strife. The country gained independence in 2011.

With the recent escalation of conflict in the northern country of Sudan, refugees have flooded South Sudan and neighbouring countries putting pressure on countries which are already experiencing immense challenges.

MAF seeks to respond to this rising crisis to bring help, hope and healing to people that have suffered under extreme conditions of poverty and conflict for decades.

WEEK 4 SEPTEMBER 23-30 PRAYER POINTS - SOUTH SUDAN

- Pray for the overwhelming needs of people who live in the isolated communities across the country. Pray for peace, stability and safety for the most vulnerable.
- Pray for wisdom for MAF leadership as they discern the most effective way for MAF to serve the people of East Africa in relation to the effects of the rising conflict.
- Pray for the MAF South Sudan team with a staff of 60. Pray for wisdom as they consider how to respond to the humanitarian crisis there.
- Continue to pray for the provision of teachers at the Juba Christian Academy. Many international MAF staff require this school for their families in order to live sustainably on the mission field.
- Pray for the refugees fleeing the conflict in Sudan, hoping to find safety in South Sudan. Pray especially for food shortages to end by the supply of sufficient food for all.
- South Sudan is one of the poorest nations on earth. Pray that poverty there would end, that the people of South Sudan would be able to access the things they need, and that God would surround them with His presence. Pray for those people bringing the Gospel to their neighbours.
- Pray for our pilots, for safety in the air and on the ground and for strength in all the challenges they face. Pray for continued strengthening in the relationships they form as they serve different communities throughout the country.
- Pray for new partnership opportunities in South Sudan that will enable those in isolated communities to have access to healthcare, education and the Gospel of salvation.