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#### July 1 (Tuesday)

Please pray for MAF's mid-year fundraising efforts, that God would stir generosity in the hearts of supporters and open doors to new partnerships. Pray especially for those raising personal sponsorship, that they would be encouraged and provided for.

#### July 2 (Wednesday)

Garrett and Katie Munyard – Praise God alongside Garrett and Katie as they prepare to serve with MAF in **Papua New Guinea**. MAF International has confirmed that PNG will be their program placement, and they'll be heading over at the beginning of 2026. So, please join us in praying for their preparations, ongoing training, and the many transitions ahead.

#### July 3 (Thursday)

Recruitment team (pg. 15) - Please pray for calmness and clarity for the two applicants undergoing assessments this month, as they take the next step in their recruitment journey. Please also pray for the number of applicants currently in the recruitment pipeline.

#### July 4 (Friday)

Pray for our ongoing aircraft renewal initiative as we seek to upgrade and expand our fleet and secure significant funding to cover the running costs of these aircraft. We have ambitious plans to secure ongoing sponsorship for ten planes in **Papua New Guinea**, and we believe God can move mountains.

#### July 5 (Saturday)

Give thanks to God that Jeremy Dover successfully completed the Cairns Ironman Triathlon last month, and even more that he reached his goal of raising \$4,000 for MAF. Through a gruelling 3.8km swim, 180km ride, and 42.2km run, Jeremy raced with purpose, fuelled by a passion to support MAF's mission.

#### July 6 (Sunday)

Jason and Kim Job (pg. 9) - Pray for the people of **Arnhem Land**, especially the young who struggle with boredom, addiction and a lack of purpose. Pray they might encounter Christ in a real, life-changing way.

#### July 7 (Monday)

Please pray for MAF's support teams as they work through an important system upgrade and transition this month. Pray that all data will be transferred accurately, and that training and testing will be well-organised to ensure smooth roll-out. Pray for strength, good health and energy as the team manages a demanding few weeks ahead.

#### July 8 (Tuesday)

God is opening doors in the aviation industry that could result in some exciting new streams of income. Pray for the right connections and for favour so we will see MAF's impact go from strength to strength.

#### July 9 (Wednesday)

As tensions and suffering continue in the Middle East, we lift this region before God. Pray for His will to be done, for peace to take root and for the Church to be a light in the darkness, offering hope, healing and the love of Christ to those in deep need. Ask that, even in places of conflict, the presence of God would be powerfully at work bringing reconciliation, compassion and eternal peace.

#### July 10 (Thursday)

Andrew and Myfanwy Little (pg. 11) - Please pray for Andy and Mif as they return to life and ministry in **Papua New Guinea**. The transition back has been challenging, particularly for Mif as she steps back into her demanding HR role. Pray for wisdom, strength and sustainable rhythms that allow Mif to thrive at work, while still having energy for family life.



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#### July 11 (Friday)

Pray for a promising pilot who is training at the **Mission Aviation Training Centre (MATC)** in the Netherlands at the moment. Pray that his flight training will be successful.

#### July 12 (Saturday)

Praise God that aircraft P2-AFD has safely arrived in **Papua New Guinea** and was warmly welcomed by the team on the ground. Pray that this aircraft will be a true blessing bringing help, hope and healing to isolated communities across PNG.

#### July 13 (Sunday)

People and Culture team (pg. 13, 15) - Please pray for MAF staff battling health challenges and those caring for unwell family members, including elderly parents.

#### July 14 (Monday)

Matt Kaye (pg. 11) – Please pray for Matt, one of our dedicated MAF pilots in **Papua New Guinea**. Recently, Matt has faced serious security risks while serving, including close encounters with gunfire, fighting, and even the threat of kidnapping at some airstrips. Pray for God's protection over Matt and the entire team, both in the air and on the ground.

#### June 15 (Tuesday)

Education team (pg. 15) - Praise God for new partnerships and the growing interest in the Education Program.

#### July 16 (Wednesday)

Please continue to pray for MAF's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations – for meaningful connections to be made at the events with new supporters, church partners and potential advocates.

#### July 17 (Thursday)

Relationship team (pg. 14) - Please pray for the team as they prepare to launch our annual Fuel for Father's Day campaign. Pray that hearts will be moved to give generously, so more dads, families and communities in remote areas can be reached with hope and help through MAF.

#### July 18 (Friday)

Mark and Jodie Simmonds (pg. 6) – Please pray for wisdom for the startup of the MAF program in Bougainville, **Papua New Guinea**. Please pray for the right people and finances to commence this program.

#### July 19 (Saturday)

Recruitment team (pg. 15) - Give thanks to God for the many people responding to God's call to serve, give, go and volunteer. Pray for wisdom and discernment for those guiding and supporting these individuals through their enquiries.

#### July 20 (Sunday)

Relationship team (pg. 14) - Please continue to pray that God will raise up new volunteers and advocates across Australia and globally. And pray for open doors in churches, schools and communities to welcome MAF presenters and mission conversations.

#### July 21 (Monday)

Jacob and Eliza Jasch (pg. 12) – Praise God that Jacob, Eliza and little Oscar are well in **Mareeba**. Please pray for continued good health for Eliza and baby during these final months of pregnancy.

#### July 22 (Tuesday)

Please pray for political and social peace in sensitive areas where MAF operates, such as **Papua New Guinea, South Sudan** and other regions facing unrest or instability. Ask God to bring calm where there is tension, unity where there is division and safety for communities and MAF teams working on the ground.



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#### **July 23 (Wednesday)**

People and Culture team (pg. 13, 15) - Pray for God's guidance and peace for families discerning whether or not to leave the field and return to their passport countries. Please also pray for God's favour on those families who have recently returned to their passport countries, as they adjust and settle back in.

#### **July 24 (Thursday)**

Matt and Linsey Painter (pg. 5) – Matt is covering a few extra areas of work as our Communications team transitions, including providing support for the Africa team, whilst his counterpart relocates over the next few months. Pray that he can manage his workload wisely and continue to build the team of Communications Officers around the world.

#### **July 25 (Friday)**

Recruitment team (pg. 15) - Pray for our global recruitment teams as we continue to build unity and collaboration. Ask for God's leading as we seek to effectively support the mission.

#### **July 26 (Saturday)**

Education team (pg. 14, 15) - Please pray for good health and strength for Jon, Garrett, Charlotte and Kylie as they continue to serve students this winter. Ask God to guide their work and let it bear lasting fruit.

#### **July 27 (Sunday)**

People and Culture team (pg. 13, 15) - Praise God for new initiatives aimed at supporting missionaries more effectively, including care for missionary children.

#### **July 28 (Monday)**

This World Conservation Day, we give thanks for God's creation and reflect on our responsibility to care for it well. MAF International has launched a bold environmental policy with a clear goal: to cut carbon emissions by 30% by 2035, in proportion to the amount we fly. This is a significant step of faith and stewardship. Please pray that over the next 10 years, we would be successful in this mission, honouring God through wise, innovative action that protects the beautiful yet fragile environments where we serve.

#### **July 29 (Tuesday)**

Praise God for Peter and Fleur Boal's safe arrival in **Papua New Guinea** to care for missionary kids in the Ukarumpa hostel. Pray that Peter and Fleur will settle well into their new environment and quickly build strong connections with the children.

#### **July 30 (Wednesday)**

This International Day of Friendship, we thank God for the relationships that strengthen our ministry – from the deep friendships formed between MAF staff and the communities they serve, to the partnerships with local churches, organisations, and supporters around the world. Pray that our work will always reflect Christ's love and friendship to those we serve.

#### **July 31 (Thursday)**

Please continue to pray for the infrastructures and governments in the various countries we serve. Our desire, in every country we have a program, is that the roads and transport available will improve to the extent that our work is no longer needed.



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### **Jesus in the centre: A reminder that Jesus hasn't moved even when life feels like He has**

Recently, I had the opportunity to spend a few days in Oslo. After a 24-hour journey, my husband and I arrived bleary-eyed at 7am and wandered the city waiting for our check-in time later in the afternoon. We were pretty tired!

After lunch, we continued wandering and were intrigued when we heard loud, live music drifting through the city. At first, we thought it was just another street performance, but as we got closer, something about it felt different. Even though it wasn't in English, we both sensed that it was worship. You know that feeling when your spirit recognises something before your brain does? That was it.

Eventually, we came to a big open square where a group of churches had set up a stage for a worship event called *"Jesus in the Centre."* And there it was - right in the middle of a busy, modern city, a group of believers rehearsing for a concert later that night and declaring that Jesus still matters. That He still changes lives. That He still belongs in the centre of everything.

At night, we went back - despite running on very little sleep – we just had to join, the more than 2,000 people worshipping together under the open sky. Families, youth groups, people of all ages. It was amazing. It reminded me that God is always at work - even in places we might not expect.

And it made me think of the work MAF is doing too. In so many ways, the small teams scattered across remote corners of the world are doing the same thing: keeping Jesus at the centre. Whether it's flying a medevac flight in Timor-Leste, delivering school materials in Papua New Guinea, or bringing students to school in Arnhem Land - it's all about helping people see that Jesus hasn't forgotten them. That He's still here. Still close. Still holding things together. And that's something I've needed reminding of lately too. Life's been a bit hard in recent weeks. Nothing dramatic - just the usual mix of challenges, decisions and general heaviness. You probably know the feeling.

It's easy in those moments for Jesus to slip to the sidelines while we try to handle everything ourselves. But when we stop and put Him back where He belongs - in the centre - we remember we're not holding everything together on our own. He is.

Colossians 1:17 (NIV) says: "He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together."

What a promise. Not just for the world out there, but for each of us - right in the middle of our ordinary, messy, stretched-thin lives.

So, wherever this finds you today, I hope it encourages you like it encouraged me: Jesus is still at the centre. Of cities. Of outback airstrips. Of isolated clinics. Of busy homes. Of tired hearts. And He's holding you together, even now.

Thanks for praying and standing with us as we serve with MAF.

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