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Welcome to this special edition of *Fuelled by Prayer*. **May 7 is MAF's Global Day of Prayer** - a time when all our teams around the world pause to pray for MAF, our partners, and the communities we serve. This month, we invite you to join us in praying for every program where MAF is at work. Thank you for standing with us in prayer.

We also invite you to join us online on the 20<sup>th</sup> May at 12 noon (AEST) for the live stream of our special 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Thanksgiving Service. Please RSVP by scanning the QR code or emailing [partner@maf.org.au](mailto:partner@maf.org.au). Thank you.



#### **May 1 (Thursday)**

Praise God that MAF could remove the fuel surcharge in **Papua New Guinea**. Pray for flights to continue reaching more people in these isolated regions.

#### **May 2 (Friday)**

Pray for the arrival of the floatplane in **Uganda**. Pray for favour with the authorities and for the right preparations to be made.

#### **May 3 (Saturday)**

Pray for a Spirit-led and dedicated Country Director for the program in **Liberia** and pray for the Interim Country Director during the transition season.

#### **May 4 (Sunday)**

Pray for the people in **Myanmar** that have been affected by the earthquake that hit. Continue to pray for the injured, as well as those who are providing relief.

#### **May 5 (Monday)**

Continue to pray for the unrest that is happening in the **Democratic Republic of the Congo** and the families that have had to relocate. Pray for safe travels and for the insecurity to subside quickly.

#### **May 6 (Tuesday)**

Pray for the Bible boxes delivered in northern **Chad**, praying that the Holy Spirit will help those who receive them to understand God's life-giving words. Pray that He will use His people to share what they've read with others, and that many will receive a life-changing revelation of Jesus.

#### **May 7 (Wednesday)**

Today is MAF's bi-annual Global Day of Prayer. Please join us in lifting up all MAF staff - more than 1,400 people serving around the world. Pray that each one will be strengthened in their calling, encouraged in their faith and equipped for every good work. Ask God to provide wisdom, protection and unity as they bring help, hope and healing to isolated communities in Jesus' Name.

#### **May 8 (Thursday)**

Praise God that in the past 12 months, MAF flights enabled patients to receive 3,548 eye consultations and 720 cataract operations from medics at Boa Vista Hospital, **Angola**. Give thanks for everyone who has experienced healing, praying that — like the man in Luke 18:35-43 — they will follow the One Who restores sight to the blind.

#### **May 9 (Friday)**

Pray for the security issues happening in **Haiti**. Pray for the safety of the MAF team there and for wisdom in how to handle dangerous situations.

#### **May 10 (Saturday)**

Last year, the Moi people of Papua, **Indonesia**, received the Old Testament in their own language. The joyful celebrations were amazing, and the Moi people are thrilled to be able to read God's Word. Please pray that the community will continue to learn and grow in their faith and walk with the Lord.

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#### **May 11 (Sunday)**

Give thanks for the mothers in our lives and the strength, wisdom and love they show. Pray for MAF mothers serving around the world - that they would be encouraged, protected and filled with joy as they raise their families and serve others in remote communities.

#### **May 12 (Monday)**

Praise God that 5H-BIL, **Tanzania's** new Caravan, is now cleared for service by the TCAA and is being used for medical safaris.

#### **May 13 (Tuesday)**

Staff from regular MAF in **Arnhem Land** flyer - Country Connect - deliver a range of activities for young people and those with disabilities. Give thanks that we're able to be a bridge between communities so people can access their services throughout the year. Pray too as their personnel seek to improve people's emotional wellbeing.

#### **May 14 (Wednesday)**

Praise God for the life-saving flights MAF provides in **Timor-Leste**. Pray for continued safety for our pilots and staff, and for open doors as we build trust and relationships in remote communities.

#### **May 15 (Thursday)**

Give thanks for the ways MAF is serving remote communities in **Kenya** through medical flights, ministry support and disaster response. Pray for strength and protection for our team as they reach people in hard-to-access areas with help, hope and healing.

#### **May 16 (Friday)**

Praise God for the growth of MAF's work in **Guinea**. Pray for strong local partnerships, open doors to reach isolated communities, and for our team to be a light as they serve in Jesus' Name.

#### **May 17 (Saturday)**

Pray for families that are being recruited by the **Cairns Support Office** as well as MAF in Australia, as they go through the pre-field processes and for the team that is supporting them.

#### **May 18 (Sunday)**

Continue to pray for **South Sudan** and the security issues happening there. Pray for the safety of our staff and for those who have had to relocate and are away from their families.

#### **May 19 (Monday)**

Pray for the CEO transition in **MAF International** over the coming months. Pray for good conversations and for wisdom in selecting the new CEO.

#### **May 20 (Tuesday)**

Today, May 20, marks the official beginning of Mission Aviation Fellowship in 1945. Let us give thanks for the vision, courage and faith of our pioneers who laid the foundation for this incredible ministry. Pray that we continue to be inspired by their dedication to bringing help, hope and healing to isolated communities worldwide. May we honour their legacy by faithfully carrying the mission forward, reaching more lives with the love of Christ. Thank you, Lord, for their unwavering faith and for the opportunities we have to serve through MAF.

#### **May 21 (Wednesday)**

Pray for ongoing medevacs in the Asia-Pacific region and the impact these are having on people who do not have access to a hospital without MAF.

#### **May 22 (Thursday)**

Praise God for all the partners that MAF fly with on a weekly basis. We are thankful that these collaborations make a huge impact to people living in isolated areas.

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#### May 23 (Friday)

Pray for the children of those serving with MAF in program. Pray for lasting relationships that will form and for a Kingdom perspective as they grow up with their servant-hearted families.

#### May 24 (Saturday)

Pray for the MAF affiliates in Central and South America - **Mexico, Guatemala, Ecuador, Suriname, Haiti and Brazil**. Ask God to strengthen each team as they serve in diverse and often challenging environments. Pray for safety in flight operations, wisdom in decision-making, and for fruitful partnerships with local churches and organisations. May their work bring lasting impact and open hearts to the love of Christ in the communities they reach.

#### May 25 (Sunday)

Give thanks for MAF's partnership with Mercy Ships in **Madagascar**, helping connect patients from remote areas with life-changing medical care. Pray for smooth coordination, safe flights, and that many lives would be transformed both physically and spiritually through this ministry.

#### May 26 (Monday)

MAF has been enabling and maximising ministry in **Mozambique** since 1999. From its base in Nampula, MAF missionary families and local staff maintain and operate two aircraft. MAF serves those who work with the Makua, Makonde, Lomwe, Chuabo, Yao and other people groups of northern Mozambique. Please pray for our work in this nation.

#### May 27 (Tuesday)

Praise God that young missionaries in **Papua New Guinea** will be able to use their new computer skills to continue spreading the gospel after completing training with MAF Technologies.

#### May 28 (Wednesday)

Pray for the various locations of unrest affecting our programs. We are thankful for program leadership and the staff who help to manage security issues we face in order to continue to serve in complex environments.

#### May 29 (Thursday)

Praise God for the partnership between MAF and CURE Children's Hospital of **Uganda**. We make monthly flights there, bringing babies and their carers for treatment. Thanks to MAF, nine infants who were battling hydrocephalus and spina bifida were flown from South Sudan to the Ugandan hospital last year. Please pray for the babies' recovery and for their ongoing development. Pray too for additional funding to continue these regular flights.

#### May 30 (Friday)

Praise God that MAF flights in **Guinea** have been able to support Pioneer Bible Translators with their work. It can often take many years to translate one book of the Bible, so let's give thanks that our flights mean they can spend more of their precious time on this vital work. May many more people read God's Word in their mother tongue.

#### May 31 (Saturday)

Give thanks for the Communications team which includes Communications Officers in many MAF programs. Pray for them as they gather the wonderful stories that can be used by MAF to provide our programs with the prayer, personnel and provision that we need.

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## A Little Note

This year, as we celebrate MAF's 80th anniversary, I've found myself reflecting not only on this incredible legacy of mission and ministry - but also on the goodness of God for MAF, as well as in my own life.

Our family recently stepped into a new season: our eldest daughter has started university. I've felt the joy and pride of seeing her step into independence, but also the ache of letting go. It's one of those life moments where you pause, pray and trust that the God who has been faithful in the past will remain faithful in what's to come.

It's a little like how I feel when I think about MAF's journey over the past eight decades. What started with a vision and a few bold pilots after World War II has grown into a global ministry that continues to bring help, hope and healing to isolated communities. Through every challenge, change and chapter—God has been so good. His presence has gone before us, sustained us, and carried us.

Psalm 100:5 (NIV) reminds us, *"For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations."* Whether we're looking back or looking forward, we can hold onto this truth. He is good. He is near. And His love endures.

So as I pray for my daughter stepping into adulthood, I also pray for MAF stepping into this next chapter. May we continue to trust the One who has never failed us. And may we keep declaring His goodness from generation to generation - through the skies, through our families, and through our prayers.

Thank you for praying for the ministry of MAF.

Blessings,

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