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January 1 (Thursday)

Please pray for MAF as we enter a new year. Ask God to strengthen every pilot, engineer, national staff member, family and partner organisation serving in remote communities around the world. Pray for safety in the skies, wisdom in decision-making and His grace over every flight. And please ask that, in the year ahead, MAF will be able to reach even more people with help, hope and the love of Christ.

January 2 (Friday)

Pray for all those on holidays - within MAF and across our churches - that this season would be deeply refreshing, both spiritually and physically. Ask that God restores their strength, renews their joy and prepares them well for the ministry and service that lies ahead in 2026.

January 3 (Saturday)

Give thanks for the hundreds of people we were able to meet and connect with for the first time in 2025. Pray that these new relationships would grow in depth and understanding and that many would catch the vision of how God is using MAF to bring help, hope and healing to isolated communities. Ask that these first-time connections become long-term partners in prayer, advocacy and generosity.

January 4 (Sunday)

Today is **Myanmar's** Independence Day. Please pray for MAF's developing work in Myanmar. Ask God to guide efforts to support rural communities through the reopening and construction of safe airstrips, and to bless partnerships with the Department of Civil Aviation. Pray that MAF can effectively advocate for vulnerable people and open up air access to isolated regions. And please ask for God's provision and protection as plans for future flight operations take shape - so that, in times of crisis, natural disaster or medical emergency, help can reach those who need it most.

January 5 (Monday)

Pray that God would raise up the right people to fill the many vacant roles across MAF's global programs. Ask Him to call, equip and send individuals who will strengthen our teams, support our partners and help this ministry grow, so more isolated people can be reached with help, hope and healing.

January 6 (Tuesday)

Education Team (p.20) - Praise God for continued growth of MAF's Education Program in 2025. Pray for a refreshing and safe break for staff and students over the Christmas holidays. Pray for a successful launch of the Co-Pilot Youth Program in 2026.

January 7 (Wednesday)

Simmonds Family (p.9) - Please pray for Mark as he supports the restart of the **MAF Bougainville** project. MAF Technologies have started installing solar power for lights and HF radio for medical clinics. Please pray for safety for the team as they travel to and from these remote communities.

January 8 (Thursday)

As we mark one year since the tragic passing of MAF pilot Chris Coffee, please pray for God's continued comfort, strength and healing for his family, friends and colleagues. Ask the Lord to surround them with His peace as they navigate this painful anniversary. Pray also for the ongoing work of MAF in **Arnhem Land** - that God would sustain the team, protect them in their service and continue to use their ministry to bring hope and support to the communities Chris loved so deeply.

January 9 (Friday)

Give thanks for all our wonderful volunteers and advocates who enthusiastically give of their time to promote and support MAF. Pray in 2026, as MAF seeks to expand and develop the volunteer network, that God will raise up many more faithful and passionate people.



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January 10 (Saturday)

Painter Family (p.9) - Pray for the impact of the MAF program in **Timor-Leste**, that many people would experience the love of Jesus through the practical help that the team give.

January 11 (Sunday)

People & Culture (p.20) - Pray for candidates on Transition Training and Line Pilot Standardisation, as they prepare for field service with MAF. Pray for applicants being assessed to serve with MAF, that they are prepared and do well.

January 12 (Monday)

Praise God for a good relationship with the provincial government in **Papua, Indonesia**. On a recent flight, a government official was moved to see how MAF supports the education of children in remote areas.

January 13 (Tuesday)

Pray for peace and unity among believers in **Lesotho** as they experience conflict between different groups.

January 14 (Wednesday)

People & Culture (p.20) - Pray that God will prepare and bring to our attention the right people He is calling to fill the many open roles across MAF worldwide. Ask for wisdom and discernment for everyone involved in the selection and assessment processes. Pray for those stepping into new roles within MAF - that they will find their feet quickly, settle well, and grow in confidence as they serve in their new space.

January 15 (Thursday)

Thank God for our great team of communications officers around the world who are continually growing in their skills. Pray that they have wisdom and opportunities to continue to share stories of MAF's impact in 2026.

January 16 (Friday)

Thank God that the float plane project in **Uganda** is progressing well. The aircraft has just received its Certificate of Registration and is now undergoing avionics (electronic systems) upgrades.

January 17 (Saturday)

Pray for more staff in **Guinea** (specifically French-speaking aviation technical staff) with a heart to work in challenging circumstances, while serving the unreached.

January 18 (Sunday)

Pray for fresh opportunities to extend our reach across our program countries through new and rebuilt airstrips. Ask God to open doors with local leaders and communities, to guide ongoing negotiations and survey work and to bless each project with safety, favour and resources. Pray that every new or restored strip would become a place where people encounter practical help and the love of Christ through MAF's presence.

January 19 (Monday)

Pray for ongoing discussions with the local government partners in a restricted access nation in **South East Asia**. Pray that God will give wisdom to act with grace and integrity.

January 20 (Tuesday)

Pray that the stability that is returning to **Tanzania** will continue, following a period of civil unrest during the recent elections.

January 21 (Wednesday)

People & Culture (p.20) - Pray for candidates who are currently doing their Ministry Partnership - for God to open doors of opportunity for key conversations with potential partners, and for God to stir hearts to pray and give, to support the work of MAF. Pray that each candidate will feel encouraged, supported and confident in God's timing and provision.



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January 22 (Thursday)

Pray for MAF International's ambition to reduce carbon emissions in proportion to our flying by 30 percent by 2035.

January 23 (Friday)

Pray for strengthened relationships between MAF and our partners in Guinea so that more communities can be impacted by MAF.

January 24 (Saturday)

Today is the International Day of Education. Pray for children and young people in the remote communities MAF serves around the world. Ask God to open doors for quality education - whether through safe transport to schools, access to learning materials, or opportunities that would otherwise be out of reach. Pray that MAF flights will continue to help remove the barriers of distance and isolation, giving every child the chance to learn, grow and flourish.

January 25 (Sunday)

MAF's team in **Kenya** consists of 37 staff. Based in Nairobi at Wilson Airport, they co-ordinate flights to the eastern and northern parts of the country, and maintain and repair aircraft from our Kenya and South Sudan programs. Pray that the whole team will know the Holy Spirit's refreshing.

January 26 (Monday)

Praise God for MAF's partnership with the Miyalk Domestic and Family Violence Shelter in **Arnhem Land**. We regularly fly women, who are experiencing domestic abuse, from their remote communities to the safety of the refuge. Please pray for protection and healing for those seeking to leave the person abusing them, and for all those who have done so.

January 27 (Tuesday)

In remote places, flying isn't just about convenience, it means safety. Give thanks that the challenges of accessing healthcare can be overcome with MAF aircraft.

January 28 (Wednesday)

People & Culture (p.20) - Pray for wisdom, courage and steadiness for all leaders as they navigate ongoing change, complexity and challenges across the organisation. Pray that everyone within MAF will be energised, equipped and encouraged for the big year ahead - that God's grace and strength would sustain every team.

January 29 (Thursday)

It takes a whole crew to keep our planes and pilots in the air - aircraft maintenance engineers, booking officers, operations managers, administrators, safety officers and many others. If you or someone you know has a heart for mission, why not consider joining us? Please pray about it and visit our website.

January 30 (Friday)

Praise God for the opening of Moka Airstrip, Gulf Province, **Papua New Guinea**, after six years of hard work with sticks and shovels. May the runway be an ongoing reminder of God's provision.

January 31 (Saturday)

Please pray that **PNG**'s people will be able to distinguish between true and false teaching, and possess a strong biblical faith. Not all the congregations in the country are led by those who are spiritually mature or biblically literate.



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A Little Note

There's a line from *O Holy Night* that lingers long after Christmas decorations are packed away:
"A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices."

As we step into a new year, many of us do so with a mix of gratitude, relief and maybe a bit of weariness from everything the last year held. The world is still complex, still heavy in places and not everything resets on 1 January.

But this line reminds us of something profound: hope doesn't wait for perfect conditions.

God offers hope right in the middle of our uncertainty, weakness and fatigue - just as He did that first Christmas and just as He does for the year ahead.

The "thrill of hope" is often quiet and steady, rather than dramatic: a moment of peace, a gentle reassurance, a sense that God is closer than we realised. And because of that, a weary world - and weary hearts - can still rejoice.

It echoes the promise of Isaiah 40:31 (NIV):

"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint."

As we begin this new year, that's our confidence:
our hope is not in a new calendar, but in a faithful God.

He goes before us, walks with us and carries what we cannot. His strength renews us. His presence steadies us. His hope lifts our eyes.

May this year be one where we see His hope in quiet, unexpected and deeply reassuring ways - guiding our steps and lighting the path in front of us.

Happy New Year.

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