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It is a true honour to present to you MAF Australia's Annual Report for 2021. I join with the global MAF family in giving thanks to our generous Father for yet another year of profound impact in His name.

Of course, much has been said about the prolonged and significant effects of COVID-19. This has been felt financially, physically, socially, and emotionally across the globe. While not immune to these impacts, MAF can testify to both spiritual protection and utilisation amid it all.

MAF Australia staff remained flexible and focused while navigating the challenges of remote working and ever-changing isolation requirements. It is their faithfulness in adversity that allows me to report the following.

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, MAF Australia were able to fund hundreds of COVID-19 relief flights in areas hit hardest by the pandemic.

These flights carried vaccines, test kits, the latest health information, and transported COVID-positive patients to clinics and hospitals to receive care.

Over 1,000 supporters joined online to celebrate MAF Australia's 75th anniversary with a Virtual Gala Celebration, hosted by Colin Buchanan. On the night, supporters from around the globe tuned in to hear stories from staff past and present (Ron Watts, Max Meyers, Matt Henderson) and musical items (and perhaps too many jokes) from Colin Buchanan. Although we were prevented from meeting together, we were able to testify and give thanks for all that God has done in and through MAF Australia over the past 7 decades.

In March 2021, we prayerfully asked MAF supporters to join us in funding the Mareeba Hangar project. Our original funding target

was \$850,000. In just 5 months, we had reached this target - and by December 2021 we had raised more than \$1.1 million towards the project. The first phase of the hangar project was completed in January 2022 with stage two expected by January 2023.

In November we invited supporters to invest in MAF's ability to bring powerful and hopeful stories from the field by funding the appointment of 5 in-program Communication Officers. Through the generosity of supporters, we were able to raise over \$130,000 towards these salaries.

At the close of 2021, there are 43 Australian missionaries and their families serving in locations across the globe, including Cairns, Mareeba, Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste, Arnhem Land, Kenya, Liberia, South Sudan and Madagascar. Please continue to pray for these women and men who have said "Yes!" to their Father's call to bring hope to the remote. We thank God for them.

Finally, I thank our gracious Father for our Board, staff, advocates, Church champions, sponsors and donors who strive faithfully together to see isolated people changed by the love of Christ.

As we look back on a year of challenge and provision and impact and joy, we declare again that we are fully dependent on Him for every good thing.

To God be the glory.



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# A MESSAGE FROM

# THE CEO

The MAF Australia team walked into 2021 uncertain of what the year would hold, but trusting in the certain promises of our faithful God.

As a team, we collectively and individually got on our knees and committed the year ahead to God in prayer. We prayed for direction, for our world, for those on the field and for the chance to continue reaching remote communities with hope.

While disease continued to devastate our world, God continued to grow His kingdom - using your prayers and generosity to shine light into some of the darkest corners of the world.

We began the year with a very special online celebration for MAF Australia's 75th anniversary. Over 1,000 MAF supporters from across the globe gathered together online to celebrate all that God had done through MAF over the decades.

As the year progressed and the commercial aviation industry felt the full weight of the global pandemic, we had the opportunity to develop new partnerships that will bless the MAF ministry in the years to come.

Looking forward, I am excited to share that we will be partnering with Alphacrucis College - taking on interns in our office to hone their skills and assist them to know more about our ministry.

A huge thank you to every supporter who continues to pray, give and believe in what MAF is doing. Without your support, we would not be able to meet the physical and spiritual needs of those we serve each day.

As we head into 2022, I want to share a verse that we here at MAF are carrying close to our hearts:

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10 (NIV).

No matter where you live and what you are doing, stay safe, stay encouraged, and thank you for all you are doing for those who live in the most remote regions of the world.

The best is yet to come...

Ian McDougall CEO

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# 2021 HIGHLIGHTS



#### **Bringing the Good News**

In 2021, you helped fuel flights that carried precious cargo into remote Papua New Guinea - bible boxes carrying locally-translated bibles for sale. Demand for

a bible or bible resources soared in 2021, with bible boxes sold by MAF pilots on remote airstrips selling out frequently. Thank you for partnering with us in bringing the Good News to some of the region's most isolated communities.







### **Partnering for hope**

Amidst an ongoing pandemic, your support enabled MAF to continue partnering with other organisations to deliver hope in South Sudan. Just one of these many partnerships was with Samaritan's Purse, where MAF had the opportunity to transport 151 patients - including babies, children and young adults - into the capital to receive life-changing cleft lip surgery. Your prayers and financial support transformed these lives and many more in 2021. Thank you!



## **Consolidated Financial Activity**

MAF Australia and its controlled entities

Income	(000's) 5,418
Donations	3,032
Gifts-in-Wills	298
Other	108
Expenditure	5,712
Expenditure Program Distributions	
	3,349
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