



## *Greetings from Arnhem Land!*

We hope this letter finds you well, as always it is a joy to be able to update you on how we are doing and how our work with MAF is progressing. We are so thankful for your support and prayers as we serve the Lord in this way.



## **Reflecting on March and April**

It has been another busy few months here in Arnhem Land. James has been flying regularly, weaving his way between the storms that have hit this region recently. He has had a variety of different flights, but all with the aim of reaching these rural people groups, meeting their physical and spiritual needs. This week, he has flown nurses holding pop up clinics in isolated communities, he flew a mother and baby to hospital and he flew supplies to missionaries in rural homelands, to name a few. He really enjoys the part he gets to play in all these things, and most of all, the opportunity to pray and engage with the people he flies.

Danielle committed to a couple of job opportunities this last month. One of those is with an organisation called 'Country Connect', a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to providing vital wellbeing and youth services in remote areas of Australia, like Arnhem Land. She will be working with several girls who have disabilities, supporting and encouraging them as they go through daily life. In addition to this role, she has taken up a volunteer position with MAF in our operations department. Danielle has committed to doing one or two days a week supporting that part of our team, which is particularly helpful at the moment as this department is short staffed. In this role she takes bookings, engages with our partner organisations, and assists in loading aircraft. On top of this, she had a very positive meeting with a midwife last week, and there looks like there could be many opportunities to use her Doula skills within Yirrkala, where we are living, but also potentially in the homelands. Do pray for her as she settles into these positions and explores using her Doula Certification here - she is certainly keeping busy!



*Top: On the ground in Rurruwuy- 700 metre dirt airstrip;*

*Left: A small section of a long dirt road into a homeland; Right: Flying an inverter to repair a small solar farm in an isolated community, a community that had been without any electricity for weeks.*

In addition to the flying and Danielle's new jobs, we have both become part of MAF's Outreach Team in Arnhem Land. The Outreach Team was something Chris Coffee put together last year before he passed away. As a team we will fly out into the isolated homelands, and spend the day sharing God's word with those that live in these places. There will be a bible study, worship and prayer, as well as games for children. Do pray for this exciting opportunity, we are in the planning phase at the moment, our first outreach days will take place in June, at the start of the dry season.



*Left: All the aircraft packed into the hangar, protected from an incoming storm; Right: Rurruwuy Airstrip following heavy rain.*



## What do the next months hold for us?

James will continue to fly regularly, he is particularly busy at the moment as through to August many of our pilots are away on holiday, home assignment or out for training. Danielle will be settling into all her new roles, and hopes to build a weekly routine that encompasses all the things she has to do!

We also will be quite engaged with the local Yirrkala church and the Kids Club that is run out of it by MAF staff. Do be praying for the church, the congregation fluctuates quite dramatically in size from Sunday to Sunday, and for the leaders who contribute and make decisions about its future. We were very thankful for a lovely Easter Sunday service, it was encouraging to see so many from the community there. Prayers are also appreciated for the Kids Club. It is such a joy to see so many children attending each week, it is wonderful that we can engage with them in this way. Pray for strength and energy for the leaders, and that many of these young people would come to know Jesus through it.



Left: Kids Club on a Wednesday night; Right: Departing Galiwinku (Elcho Island), a larger community in Arnhem Land, you can spot the word 'Jesus' written in the rocks below!

## How can you pray for us?

Praise God for the important flights we have been able to do despite challenging weather across the region.

Praise God for the roles Danielle is taking up, pray for her as she learns and settles into a routine.

Pray for the MAF team, it is a busy season and we are a little short on pilots. Pray for continued strength, energy, and enthusiasm.

We again would like prayer for Simon who was injured in the accident in January. He has returned to good health, but his aviation medical has not been reissued. He is eager to get back in the air, so prayers that this will happen asap are appreciated!

Pray for the local church and the Kids Club that meet weekly, that many would come to know the Lord through them.

Pray that James' flights, and all those done by MAF, would have a positive impact in this area, and that we would magnify Christ in all we do.

## **Supporting us financially**

Each year we have to raise £25,000 (\$32,000) for our work with MAF in Arnhem Land. If you would like to support us financially, please visit our webpage [www.maf-uk.org/gullett](http://www.maf-uk.org/gullett)

If you are a UK tax payer, please select Gift Aid when you donate.

Thank you to all those that have given so generously to our ministry - we are so very grateful!

It is such a blessing to be able to reach out and tell you more about our work with MAF, if you have any questions, please do email us at either:

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It is also really encouraging to know that you are praying for us, please do let us know how you are and how we can be praying for you.

Every blessing,  
James and Danielle