

James and Danielle Gullett serving with Mission Aviation Fellowship: August Update 22

Greetings!

It is a pleasure to write to you and update you as we work with Mission Aviation Fellowship and prepare for our departure to Arnhem Land. We hope this letter finds you well, and you are encouraged as you see what the Lord has been doing in our lives these past months.



Important Dates

Before we get into our update we wanted to share two dates with you:

1) This **Thursday, 22nd August**, we will be sharing some more about what we are doing in Arnhem Land with MAF. For those of our supporters in the USA, if you would be interested in attending, we will be meeting at 7pm at the Nuckols

home: 166 Twin Hills Lane, Fishersville, Virginia 24401

2) **Sunday 29th September**, we will be in the UK and our sending service from Trinity Church Oxford will occur in the late afternoon. From 4pm we will have light refreshments and an update will be given, then the service will follow at

6pm. For those interested in attending we will be using St. Michael at the Northgate Church on Cornmarket Street in Oxford (please use the Cornmarket street entrance if coming at 4pm and head downstairs to the basement).

For both of these events it would be helpful to have a rough estimate of numbers and so if you think you will be attending, please email **james.gullett@mafint.org** to let us know.



Reflecting on July and August

Following our time at All Nations Christian College, we spent an intensive week with staff at MAF International on an orientation course. Praise God that this was a very encouraging time, and we are looking forward to watching the organisation grow and develop over the coming years.

Following orientation, we travelled to the USA to spend time with Danielle's family and our lovely US based supporters! We have been so encouraged, visiting churches in New Jersey and Virginia, and are very thankful for the team of supporters that are around us as we prepare to head to the mission field in the coming months. Whilst here we have also packed the majority of our belongings to be sent in a shipping container to Arnhem Land, worked on visa and pilot licence applications, and James has also been studying for a couple of exams he will need to sit when we get to Australia in October.



Top: MAF Induction July 2024; Bottom Left: Walking the grounds at Induction; Bottom Right: Joining family for a sunrise walk over the Blue Ridge Mountains

What do the next months hold for us?

James will depart August 25th for the Netherlands, where he will spend a little less than a week doing proficiency flights (to keep his flight ratings current), and a short field flight camp, where he will practice landing on small airstrips. He was then planning on travelling to Canada, for some additonal training, but unfortunately that has fallen through. We are a little unsure about where or what he will be doing during this time now instead, please do pray about this. Danielle will remain in the USA with family and friends during this time, finishing up final details and goodbyes there. She may also do a little bit of shadowing if any opportunities present themselves.

Come mid-September, we will both be back in the UK for a few weeks, where we will say goodbye to family and supporters - our flight to Cairns, Australia, leaves on the 1st October. When we land in Cairns, we will be there for 2-3 months before working our way into Arnhem Land. In Cairns, James will get his Australian Commercial Licence, and do 'standardisation', a training course on the Airvan which he will fly in the program.



Left: 'The Track' Arnhem Land- the one dirt road in and out; Right: A dirt strip in rural Arnhem Land

How can you pray for us?

- Praise God for a very encouraging period in the USA following induction.
- Praise God for all that has happened to get us on our way to Arnhem Land. Continue to pray for a smooth transition over the coming months as we leave the UK/USA - particularly that James' medical will be finalised, and that we will be able to obtain a reliable vehicle.
- Pray that James will be well prepared for exams he has to take for his licence when we arrive in Australia.
- Pray for us both as we are apart for a few weeks whilst James does some final training before we go overseas.
- Pray for farewells both in the UK and USA.
- As always, pray for the people of Arnhem Land, and our hearts as we prepare to connect with them.

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 click on the 'Give!' button below which will take you to our page on the MAF UK website. If you are a UK tax payer, please select Gift Aid when you donate.

If you are a United States Citizen there is a separate link, see below, through which you can give in U.S. Dollars.

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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