



James and Danielle Gullett serving with
Mission Aviation Fellowship:
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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. Our apologies for the delay in getting this latest update to you, it is a hot, humid and very busy season here in Arnhem Land!



Reflecting on September and October

Another two months have passed since we last updated you, and we have struggled to find a time to sit down and write this letter, much has happened since we last wrote. James is flying as always, and with a couple of pilots away on home assignment and holiday, there has been lots of flying to do!

Particular flights that have stood out include ones for domestic violence prevention, where Yolngu have been flown for a week long course on preventing domestic violence situations in homelands. We have flown close to 150 women and children out of challenging and dangerous situations so far this year, this training therefore is crucial in reducing that number in the years to come. James also spent a few weeks flying Yolngu to the dentist; dental hygiene in this area is very poor and is one of the biggest health issues Yolngu face. For this to work, dentists set themselves up in one of the larger homelands for two weeks, throughout that period MAF picked up and dropped off people from all the other homelands so they could get the treatment they needed. Another flight James did this last week was to support one of our Pioneer missionary families. They work with locals on the ground in these remote homelands. This one family James flew, are equipping and enabling Yolngu with Bible teaching that they can then share with others in this region. This family had just returned from home assignment, and so James flew them, and a plane packed full with supplies, to the remote community where they serve.

The final set of flights we should mention in this update are to do with MAF Outreach. Over the past several months, the MAF Team have made visits almost every other weekend to isolated communities, bringing food, fellowship, and the gospel! We have been heavily involved in outreach and have been so encouraged by the way we have been welcomed in to the homelands, to build relationship and to share the good news that comes in the name of Jesus. We have focused our efforts on two homelands, Wandawuy and Baniyala, At both we have shared food, worship, prayer, testimonies and Bible stories. In Baniyala we stayed overnight, having a large meal in the evening, and then a church service the following Sunday. Thank you so much for your prayers and support, what a privilege it has been to see God work, even in some of the remotest parts of this world.



Top: MAF Team in Baniyala for Outreach;

Left: Outreach in Wandawuy; Right: Domestic violence prevention flight

Danielle has been busy this month, working with both MAF and Country Connect. She continues to train Stephanie in the MAF Operations Department, this has both encouragements and challenges each week. We are very thankful for the way Stephanie engages with MAF and the work we are doing here; but the gap in education can prove difficult. There is a big leap from the curriculum she is taught at the local school, and the Maths and English knowledge ideally needed for work with MAF. Please be praying for Danielle and Stephanie as they continue her work experience and training.

Throughout this last period, we both have grown closer with our Yolngu family that 'adopted' us earlier in the year. In both Wandawuy and Baniyala we have enjoyed getting to know family on a more personal level, learning more of the local language and customs, and appreciating the opportunity to discuss our faith and the beliefs they hold. When James touches down in these homelands, and many others in this region, it is always a joy to see family. Now adopted, we can trace a connection to nearly all the Yolngu we meet, such a blessing!



Left: Family in Banyala, including James' brother, and Danielle's sister, brother and daughter;

Right: Stephanie at work in the MAF Office.

What do the next months hold for us?

As always, James will be flying regularly, and Danielle will be continuing in her roles. That being said, this next month will involve a bit of an unusual out of program trip! Here in Arnhem Land, we fly two aircraft types, the 5-7 seater GA8 Airvan, and the 9-11 seater Cessna 208 Caravan. Both are very useful for the work we do in Arnhem Land, but some additional training is needed for James to fly the Cessna Caravan - it has a turbine engine, where as the Airvan has a simpler piston engine design. It is typical after some time flying in the Arnhem Land program that you make the step up to the Caravan. James was recently invited to join a Caravan conversion course in Papua New Guinea, taking place at one of the MAF bases there. This is a really exciting opportunity and we will be spending just under 3 weeks there to do the training.

Once back, James will do a further two weeks of Line Flying with an instructor here in Arnhem Land on the Caravan. He will then be released for solo operations on this aircraft type, which should be in the week leading up to Christmas. It is also about this time that we will see a slight decrease in flight operations, as many of the organisations we work with will be closed for the holidays. That being said, there will always be flights for medevacs and other urgent requests/needs. We both are looking forward to a slightly slower period, and we know that the majority of the team here will enjoy some rest after a busy year.



Left: MAF Cessna Caravan; Right: Papua New Guinea in Orange

How can you pray for us?

- Praise God for outreaches in Baniyala and Wandawuy, for the relationships built and the open opportunity to share and encourage one another with the gospel.
- Praise God for the opportunity to spend time with our Yolngu family, and the doors that that has opened.
- Pray for James' Caravan training starting in mid-November. Pray that he will have time and energy to complete the pre-training theory work, and that he will really get to grips with flying this new aircraft in PNG.
- Pray for Danielle and Stephanie as they continue her training with MAF in our Operations Department.
- Finally, 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 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.

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