



## *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 January and February**

It almost feels like a whole year has passed since we last wrote to you, so much has happened in these last two months. We are just about managing to keep up with it all, and will try our best to not make this update too long!

Firstly, we want to thank all our supporters for their prayers and thoughts for the Coffee family and the wider MAF team following Chris' sudden passing. It certainly has been a challenging period for everyone here, and we ask that you continue to pray for all as we move forward without Chris in our lives. What has been beautiful to see in these last weeks, is the impact Chris had on those in Arnhem Land. Hundreds of people from across the region came to his memorial service, and it has been so evident to see that he had such a strong faith and loving heart that has touched so many.

We arrived in program on January 20th and since then we have moved in to our new home in Yirrkala, a small town/village with a majority Yolngu population. It has been wonderful to settle in here, and we are so thankful for the relationships we can build with locals in our neighbourhood. A week after we arrived, James began working in our Operations Department, and then shadowed some of the other pilots here on several flights, before starting his Line Flight Training. He completed this last Friday, and flew his first single pilot MAF flight on Monday. It was a special moment, and testament to Gods faithfulness and provision over the many years in which he has called us to MAF. In one of the pictures below you can see James with his brother Ben sitting in a mission aircraft in Kenya when he was ten years old; it was around this point that he felt God start to draw him to mission aviation. Now, twelve years later, James has started flying operationally for MAF in the Arnhem Land program - an amazing journey. We are so very thankful to God for how he has led us through all the ups and downs to this point!



*Top: Our home in Yirrkala; Left: God's call to mission aviation; Right: James' first operational flight with MAF*

Whilst James settled in to flying here, Danielle returned to Cairns earlier this month to provide childcare for the latest MAF security training and MAF orientation. She took care of several children from the ages of 1-13 over two weeks while their parents attended the courses. During this time she and another lady were able to share a little bit about transition, and what life is like as a missionary kid. It was a full on period, but Danielle is very thankful for the time she could spend doing this. She returned on the 15th February and since then has been organising our new home and looking into work/volunteer opportunities here. There are lots of things for her to get involved in, so we would appreciate prayer for discernment about that.



Childcare for the latest MAF orientation



## What do the next months hold for us?

James is now flying every weekday, and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future! This week, to name a few journeys, he has flown teachers to remote schools, staff and supplies from an organisation that seeks to repair and restore homes in remote communities, and a team of ladies that work with disabled individuals in isolated homelands. There are quite a variety of flights here, and we look forward to sharing with you more stories in the coming months as James gets stuck into the flying schedule.

Danielle will continue to shape what her average day looks like here this next month. There are options for her to support the MAF family officer and our operations team. Working in the domestic violence shelter is something she is also eager to pursue further, as well as opportunities in local clinics and schools. She also will be doing some childcare for the MAF mums. Our home sits next to that of the Coffee family and Danielle has been able to take care of the kids every so often which has been good too.

## How can you pray for us?



Continue to pray for the Coffee family as they grieve the loss of Chris and live life without him.

Pray for the team, it is a busy season and we are a little short on pilots. We particularly would like prayer for Simon who was injured in the accident. 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 us as we continue to settle in here, that Danielle will be able to find the things she wants to get involved in.

Pray that James will continue to grow and learn as he flies regularly. Pray that his flights, and all those done by MAF, would have a positive impact in this area, and that more would come to know Jesus through them.



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