



James and Danielle Gullett serving with
Mission Aviation Fellowship:
August Update 30

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 July and August

July started with a really enjoyable break for us, with James' parents and brother visiting from the U.K. It was great to show them the uniqueness of Arnhem Land, and also enjoy a week out of the program on the east coast of Australia. We certainly felt rejuvenated, and appreciated the opportunity to reflect on our first 6 months out here in this remote region. Since being back, things have continued to be busy, James is flying regularly, but at a more steady and consistent rate now we have a few more pilots available for flights. Danielle has continued her work with both MAF and Country Connect, and is enjoying the relationships she is building. We have picked up a few additional responsibilities since our return that we briefly mentioned in our previous update. We are now leading the MAF Outreach into the rural homelands, and running the small Christian bookshop located at the MAF Terminal. We also are overseeing the running of Kids Club, something supported by the local Yirrkala Church and MAF.

These new responsibilities have brought challenges but also many encouragements. Praise the Lord, last week, we had our first outreach to the Wandawuy homeland, located 30 minutes away from Gove (Yirrkala) by airplane. You may remember that this community is where our adopted family live, and so it is particularly special to us, to start outreach here. We were hoping to have kicked this season of outreach off sooner, but due to a large number of Yolngu funerals taking place, it took some time to pin down a date that the people in Wandawuy were ready to receive us. Even then, we were a little discouraged when we first landed there last week, as the homeland seemed empty. But after some time, a few members of the community emerged, and they sat down with us for a time of food and fellowship.

We gave a small Bible message, played a few Yolngu worship songs, and distributed copies of Mark's gospel in their local dialect. Those that attended were very eager to chat with us, and were very excited about the literature we were able to give them in their local language. They asked that we come again immediately, and so we will plan on visiting again, each month, through to the start of the wet season early next year.

This initial outreach has brought such encouragement to us, and we are so thankful to God for the openness of the Yolngu to us and to His word.



What do the next months hold for us?

I (James) will continue regular flights. As I currently write this update, I am sitting under the wing of my aircraft, waiting on nurses and hearing specialists, who are running a pop-up clinic today in the Garrthalala homeland. Flights like this are common, and are crucial to reach a good standard of healthcare in these rural homelands. In the next months I will do more flights like this, and others to support education and mission work.

Danielle will continue in her role at Country Connect, whilst also assisting at MAF. At MAF she is currently leading the onboarding of a 16-year-old girl named Stephanie, who lives near us in Yirrkala and goes to the local school. Stephanie has had an interest for some time in working at MAF, and so as she finishes school, she will also do work experience every Friday in our operations department. This is very exciting for us, as we have struggled to employ Yolngu staff in the past. However there certainly have been challenges in this process and we would ask you pray for Danielle and Stephanie as they try and make this a smooth transition that could be done by others in the future!

In the next months, we both also will be arranging and carrying out further outreach events to other homelands and communities. We want to particularly ask that you continue to pray for us, as we work out these logistics. It is very challenging to keep on top of the movements of the Yolngu who, often and very last minute, will decide to relocate to another community whilst a funeral is going on, or other cultural event etc. Finally, we will be spending a good deal of time, working on the bookshop, restoring it to what it once was. For a few years now it has not been in the best of care, and there are a lot of details still to be worked out to make it a smooth, functional shop!



Left: Under the wing at Garrthalala; Right: Stephanie (far right) who has started working with us

How can you pray for us?

- Praise God for the MAF outreach to Wandawuy, and pray for all the outreach opportunities that happen this year.
- Praise God for Stephanie joining us at MAF, pray for her and Danielle as she begins work with us.
- Praise God for the work Danielle has been able to do with Country Connect, pray for her as she engages with it further.
- Pray for the bookshop, that we will get the sufficient funding needed to run it, and that we can restore it to a place where many can come to get theologically sound literature!
- 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 the link 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.

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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