

# PRayer BRIEFING

**MAF**  
*Flying for Life*  
May & June 2023



## MONDAY 1:

**VINCENT, Fiona. Finance Manager, Asia-Pacific Region, (NZ based).**

Continue to pray for the three remaining MAF staff in Bangladesh. We need permissions to sell vehicles and ship aircraft parts, release of our bank guarantee, dismissal of a 23-year-old tax court case that has already been settled, audit sign off for the 2022 financial accounts. Please join with us in petitioning our Father about these specific issues. We acknowledge that the LORD is in control of all things and His timing is perfect.

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TUESDAY 2:

## **MAF INTERNATIONAL.**

Thank the LORD for the provisional release of Ryan Koher and his reunification with his family. Please pray that the case will be dropped so that he can be fully free and have the ability to leave the country.

WEDNESDAY 3:

## **MAF NEW ZEALAND.**

Pray for Doug and Yvonne Miles as they speak at the Annual General Meeting for MAF New Zealand on the 5<sup>th</sup> of this month. Pray that they will be able to encourage and challenge everyone who hears.



THURSDAY 4:

## **HARDING, Bill & Angela. International Development Director & People Care Manager, NZ based.**

Give thanks for a wonderful family wedding at Easter (our son Reid married Hannah Jepsen) with family coming from NZ, Australia, the Philippines, and Denmark. Please pray for Bill as he travels to Cairns from 7<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> of May for leadership training and a MAF Asia team conference.

FRIDAY 5:

## **MAF NEW ZEALAND.**

Pray for the Board meeting and Annual General Meeting happening today. Pray for a fruitful time of fellowship and learning and that both of these events will fulfill their purposes. Pray for wisdom for our Board as they discuss future plans for MAF New Zealand.



SATURDAY 6:

## **CAMPBELL, Andrew & Sharon. Maintenance Controller, PNG.**

MAF PNG Maintenance is getting audited by CASA PNG (the government regulator) this month. An audit of this kind involves considerable expense for MAF PNG as well as time and preparation, and the results of the audit will determine how soon we have to do the next one (ideally, no more than every 5 years!). We would like to make the most of the opportunities audits give us to improve how we do what we do. Please pray for this to go well and with minimal stress.

SUNDAY 7:

## **MAF INTERNATIONAL.**

Give thanks for audio bibles that were recently donated to widows and young people at Bethany Baptist Mission Church by MAF Technologies in Papua New Guinea.

MONDAY 8:

## **SPROUL, Phil & Tania. Director of Technical Operations, Cairns.**

Praise God that the MAF Ladies support network in Cairns continues to develop, as does the sense of community. Praise also that the final management position in the Technical Operations team has been filled. Five new engineering candidates also passed technical evaluation assessments in South Africa last month, please pray that they will be able to raise support to enable them to join the team.

TUESDAY 9:

## **MAF INTERNATIONAL.**

Pray for our pilots who often witness trauma when conducting medevacs. Pray for their mental wellbeing and that God would grant them peace about the situations they end up in following the LORD's calling.

WEDNESDAY 10:

## **BREWER, Renee. Pilot, PNG.**

This month I arrived in Papua New Guinea. I have heard so much about PNG and have known that I would be going here for almost a year, so it

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is exciting to be finally here. Please thank God for being there for me throughout this journey and for everything falling in place.

**THURSDAY 11:**

## **MAF INTERNATIONAL.**

Pray for the recruitment of experienced pilots specifically in Papua New Guinea, South Sudan, Liberia, and Guinea. Pray also for some Licensed Aircraft Maintenance Engineers to join the team in Mareeba.



**FRIDAY 12:**

## **HITCHINS, Nick & Ruth; Benji, Samuel and Eddie. Pilot and Country Director, Timor-Leste.**

Please pray for wisdom in communicating with the local people about our new shuttle service. That we would meet their needs in ways that are relevant to them. Praise for the granting of one year visas for Ruth and the boys after some initial difficulties earlier this year.

**SATURDAY 13:**

## **INGHAM, Bridget. Pilot, PNG.**

This month I am being checked into 'D' airstrips (A = average, B = bearable, C

= challenging, D = difficult). Pray that this aspect of my ongoing training goes well, and that I can be Jesus' light and life to the communities I visit.

**SUNDAY 14:**

## **MAF INTERNATIONAL.**

Give thanks for the non-government organisations flown by MAF at different programmes around the world as they work to give isolated communities access to clean water. Praise that MAF can be a part of this wonderful work.

**MONDAY 15:**

## **POUND, Jonathan & Michele; Abby, Daniel, Joseph, and Benjamin. Pilot, South Sudan.**

Praise God for the rain falling here in South Sudan, making everything spring to life again! Join us as we thank God for His continued protection over the health and wellbeing of our family and as we go about our daily duties. Please pray for continued wisdom and guidance as Jono flies in these sometimes challenging environmental conditions.

**TUESDAY 16:**

## **MAF NEW ZEALAND.**

Praise God for the dedication of the Kendon-Strong Centre that happened on the 2nd of April. Thank God for the wonderful time that was had, connecting with each other and praising God for the centre that He has provided us with.



**WEDNESDAY 17:**

## **DIXON, Grant & Sharon. Aircraft Engineer & Member Care, Mareeba.**

On returning to Cairns from our time in NZ, Grant will be continuing his part time engineering role in the Mareeba hangar and assisting Sharon as she relieves the current Red Sea Counselling managers while they conduct a three-week promotional trip. The Red Sea Counselling Centre has been established in Cairns to assist mission personal working in the Southeast Asia/ Pacific region. Pray for us as we get re-established in our roles.

**THURSDAY 18:**

## **HASTIE, Kerry & Marie, Jesse, Ethan, and Johanna. Quality and Safety Manager, Mareeba.**

Pray for Ethan as he is working and trying to save for university which starts at the end of the year. Pray for healing of Marie's hands as the hot weather has been causing her eczema to flare up. Pray for Jesse to have motivation to do his schoolwork.

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FRIDAY 19:

## **MAF INTERNATIONAL.**

Pray for our engineers as they work to maintain our aircraft and ensure that they are safe to fly. Praise God for their skills and talents and their willingness to work hard for the furtherance of God's kingdom.



SATURDAY 20:

## **WOODWARD, Vaughan & Rosemary; Ryan. Executive Officer and Director, Global Disaster Response & HR Advisor, Cairns.**

Give thanks for the successful week-long orientation course held in Cairns to prepare people for living in a remote programme. Pray especially for Renée Brewer and the 9 others who took part, who are now, or soon will be, making the transition to a very different way of life and serving God.

SUNDAY 21:

## **MAF INTERNATIONAL.**

There is a Growing Leaders programme which has been running from March and is finishing this month. Pray for personal growth

for the people who have participated and that they will have learnt many things that they can put into practice in their different roles.

MONDAY 22:

## **NICHOLLS, Kevin & Angela. Regional Quality Manager, NZ based.**

New staff member Andrew Boyd started with the Quality Safety team in March. Thank God for his provision by bringing Andrew to the team. Please pray that God will continue to work in the hearts of the people that are coming to the outreach course as it comes to a close this month.



TUESDAY 23:

## **MACDONALD, Andrew. Pilot, South Sudan.**

Praise for the increase in flights in South Sudan - we are breaking program records with the number of hours being flown per month, reflective of the increased use of our service and the impact the use means.

WEDNESDAY 24:

## **MAF NEW ZEALAND.**

Give thanks that the role of Communications Coordinator has finally been filled! Pray for our new staff member as she settles into her role and learns what is required of her. Pray that she will feel God's leading in her daily work.



THURSDAY 25:

## **HUNT, Benji & Jess; Elliott. Maintenance Operations Supervisor, PNG.**

As we return to PNG following home assignment, we would appreciate prayer for where we can focus our energy over the next two years. Please pray for energy and inspiration to accomplish what God has in store for us.

FRIDAY 26:

## **McINTOSH, Colin & Rosemary. MAFI Maintenance Support Specialist–Turbine Aircraft, NZ based.**

MAF has a critical need for licensed aircraft maintenance engineers to maintain its aircraft and enable MAF to continue to meet the



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growing needs of the people in the countries it serves. Pray that the Lord will call more workers into service with MAF and that they will be willing to go wherever He sends them.

**SATURDAY 27:**

**FOX, Mark. CEO MAF NZ.**

Pray for Mark and Philippa as they travel this month to visit the Kiwi staff in Cairns, Mareeba, Timor Leste and PNG. Pray for safety in travel and quality connections with all those visited.

**SUNDAY 28:**

**MAF INTERNATIONAL.**

The first scheduled shuttle services for a MAF Programme has commenced in Timor-Leste. Give thanks for that and pray that it will be a wonderful tool for the furtherance of God's Kingdom in Timor-Leste.



**MONDAY 29:**

**WATSON, Jonny & Glenys; Katie, Alana, Danielle, and Lucy. Pilot, PNG.**

Pray for us as we travel back to New Zealand for Home Assignment and connect

with our family, friends, and supporters. Pray for God to use this time to encourage us and pray for the right connections as we travel and speak with many about what God is doing through MAF in PNG.



**TUESDAY 30:**

**MACRAE, Leigh & Inneke; Cameron, Levi, Mikaela. Residential House Managers, PNG.**

Please pray for the students for energy for the term. Pray for resilience and mental health strength for them. Pray for our kids that they feel valued when sharing attention with other children in our home.

**WEDNESDAY 31:**

**MAF NEW ZEALAND.**

Praise God for the new MAF centre and the connections that have been bought about as a result of it. Pray that it will continue to grow in capacity and many more people will visit.

**THURSDAY 1:**

**VINCENT, Fiona. Finance Manager, Asia-Pacific Region, (NZ based).**

We give thanks that a couple of vacancies in the Cairns Support Office Finance Team have been filled. Please pray for the new staff as they settle into their roles and for the Team as a whole as we navigate and sort out teething issues with our new financial software.

**FRIDAY 2:**

**MAF NEW ZEALAND.**

Pray for more people to come forward to be recruited. Thank God for the people who are currently in the pipeline and pray that our recruitment team will have wisdom in this process.



**SATURDAY 3:**

**NICHOLLS, Kevin & Angela. Regional Quality Manager, NZ based.**

This month the Quality Safety Security team will be meeting together. Please pray that these meetings will be productive, and that Kevin will travel safely.

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## SUNDAY 4:

### MAF INTERNATIONAL.

Praise the Lord for the MAF-US Operations Modernisation summit in Dubai. This included Bible teaching; a review of the Ops Modernisation process; reports from key staff, and overviews of operations systems and organisational structure. Pray for the people involved to have learnt lots that they can use in all their different roles.



## MONDAY 5:

### BREWER, Renee. Pilot, PNG.

I am in Mount Hagen this month, where I will be based for my first few months in PNG. I will be learning the language - Tok Pisin, doing a village visit and getting settled into the country. Please pray for a smooth adjustment, good health and that I will be able to pick up the language quickly!

## TUESDAY 6:

### HUNT, Benji & Jess; Elliott. Maintenance Operations Supervisor, PNG.

Please pray for our compound relationships this month. A harmonious compound family is a huge

blessing so please pray for healthy relationships, grace for one another's differences and that we would continue to get along well as a team.

## WEDNESDAY 7:

### MACDONALD, Andrew. Pilot, South Sudan.

Please pray for the upcoming rainy season. This always increases the challenges in South Sudan, both for MAF, flying in challenging weather, and for the country as a whole.

## THURSDAY 8:

### HARDING, Bill & Angela. International Development Director & People Care Manager, NZ based.

Remember Angela in her role as People Care Manager and ask that her and her fledgling team would put good systems in places to care for the well-being needs of our international and locally employed staff.

## FRIDAY 9:

### MAF INTERNATIONAL.

Pray for continued good progress on current MAF US maintenance projects, including: an aircraft from East Democratic Republic of Congo being refurbished for training in Nampa, the Cessna 206 from Haiti undergoing an engine change and other repairs, a Kodiak being prepared for Papua, and the PC-12 from West Democratic Republic of Congo being brought back to US registration.



### INGHAM, Bridget. Pilot, PNG.

Many of the MAF PNG pilot families are on home assignment at the moment, so it's all hands on deck for the pilots who are still in the country! Pray for safety and that we can all manage our workload appropriately.

## SUNDAY 11:

### MAF INTERNATIONAL.

Pray for our pilots as they face more unpredictable weather during the rainy season in parts of Africa. Pray for skill and that they will be able to conduct each flight safely and get people to where they need to go.

## MONDAY 12:

### HITCHINS, Nick & Ruth; Benji, Samuel and Eddie. Pilot and Country Director, Timor-Leste.

Pray for a good next term of schooling especially Benji's final year of high school. Pray for strength for the team as we have one pilot family away and Nick will have additional flying duties over the next four months.

## TUESDAY 13:

### MAF NEW ZEALAND.

Please pray that our leaders will have wisdom on how to expand and what directions to

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take us in this year as we seek to widen our programme.

**WEDNESDAY 14:**

**WATSON, Jonny & Glenys; Katie, Alana, Danielle, and Lucy. Pilot, PNG.**

As we continue our home assignment, please pray that God might use us during the time we are in New Zealand to encourage others to serve our King wholeheartedly. Pray for safety and well-being as we travel and share what God is doing through MAF in PNG.

**THURSDAY 15:**

**MAF INTERNATIONAL.**

Pray for all our communications officers as they travel on various flights in their programmes to gather stories. Pray for good conversations, safety, and great interactions with the different people that MAF serves.



**FRIDAY 16:**

**SPROUL, Phil & Tania. Director of Technical Operations, Cairns.**

Please pray for the processing of personnel licensing documentation by Civil Aviation Regulatory Authorities, that this will be

timely and enable the skills of the engineering team to be realised. Pray for wisdom, grace, and discernment for the team in their interactions with them.

**SATURDAY 17:**

**MAF INTERNATIONAL.**

Praise God for the Nhulunbuy young adults youth ministry created by one of the pilots in Arnhem Land. Pray that it would be Spirit-led and point people towards Jesus.



**SUNDAY 18:**

**POUND, Jonathan & Michele; Abby, Daniel, Joseph, and Benjamin. Pilot, South Sudan.**

Please join us as we praise God and celebrate being in East Africa for 18 months and living here in South Sudan for a whole year! Please thank and praise God for the way He looks after us with His strong right hand. We have felt at peace here and have been enjoying good health! Please pray for ongoing good health and wisdom and guidance as we begin our second year in South Sudan!

**MONDAY 19:**

**MACRAE, Leigh & Inneke; Cameron, Levi, Mikaela. Residential House Managers, PNG.**

Praise God for the promises in His word. Thank Him that we can hold onto those truths daily. Pray that all His words will be a reality in our lives as an example to the people around us.

**TUESDAY 20:**

**MAF INTERNATIONAL.**

Praise God for a flight that took place in Tanzania that transported a partially paralysed pastor from Malambo back to his home. He was visiting Arusha for consultations and tests with doctors. Pray for his family as they work through the next steps of his treatment.



**WEDNESDAY 21:**

**HASTIE, Kerry & Marie, Jesse, Ethan, and Johanna. Quality and Safety Manager, Mareeba.**

Please pray for Johanna and her fiancé Liam, as they are preparing for their wedding in for next month. Pray for Kerry, as he attends a C208 airframe course.

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THURSDAY 22:

**MAF INTERNATIONAL.**

Pray for anyone affected by political demonstrations in Kenya. Pray for peace for the people within the country and that it will all be resolved peaceably soon.

FRIDAY 23:

**CAMPBELL, Andrew & Sharon. Maintenance Controller, PNG.**

Sharon has been awarded a scholarship courtesy of the Australian Government to attend a course in Fiji, with a view to her gaining approval to do Pilots medicals – something that pilots are legally required to do, and there are only five doctors who can currently do this in PNG. This will make it easier for our pilots to get checked out, lower the costs, plus we will be in a position to assist pilots of other operators. We are grateful for the provision of the scholarship and please pray for Sharon's future involvement in this role.

SATURDAY 24:

**WOODWARD, Vaughan & Rosemary; Ryan. Executive Officer and Director, Global Disaster Response & HR Advisor, Cairns.**

Pray for Vaughan with upcoming travel as he works with the Disaster Response team to produce online

learning materials. Please also pray for the team conference which is the first one to happen in three years.

SUNDAY 25:

**MAF INTERNATIONAL.**

Pray for each of the pilots flying overseas. Pray that they will be able to bring God's hope and joy into dark situations.



MONDAY 26:

**FOX, Mark. CEO MAF NZ.**

Pray for the growth of MAF New Zealand. There is a need to increase our capacity so that we can better serve our international operations with more staff and finances. From NZ we need to significantly grow resources that can be sent overseas but to do this we need greater capacity in NZ. Please pray that God will provide the finances required to increase this capacity, through more local staff.

TUESDAY 27:

**MAF INTERNATIONAL.**

Pray for marginalised and oppressed individuals worldwide. Pray that MAF

Programmes all over the world will be able to help bring light, love, and hope to these individuals.

WEDNESDAY 28:

**McINTOSH, Colin & Rosemary. MAFI Maintenance Support Specialist–Turbine Aircraft, NZ based.**

The two amphibious aircraft previously based in Bangladesh were ferried to Mareeba in November. Pray for wisdom for the MAFI management team as they make decisions for the future deployment of these aircraft.

THURSDAY 29:

**MAF INTERNATIONAL.**

There are many staff vacancies in different MAF Resourcing Groups. Please pray for the right people to apply to fill those vacancies so that we can work to our fullest capacity.

FRIDAY 30:

**DIXON, Grant & Sharon. Aircraft Engineer & Member Care, Mareeba.**

We are initiating our debriefing role at The Red Sea Counselling Centre. This two-morning-per-week voluntary position is a new experience for us so would value your prayers as we become familiar with the role. Also pray for other suitably qualified and experienced staff to join the team.