

News from

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You Can't Get There From Here

Well, that's not entirely true. You can nearly always get somewhere if you are creative enough and work hard. And that's sort of the point of this letter. In past letters we have written you about how MAF helped open up the interior of Papua, Indonesia, by supporting pioneering missionaries. Together, they contacted tribes so isolated they thought they were the only people on earth. They wrote down languages for the first time, translated the Scriptures, and planted churches. MAF's work continues there, and in many ways, it looks like it did forty years ago: the mountains are still rugged, the people are still isolated, and there are still languages in which the Word of God has never been heard.

We have also written you about MAF's work in Haiti. In many ways the work there is traditional mission aviation, as in Papua. But the earthquake of 2010 brought into focus another strongpoint of MAF's ministry—disaster relief—rushing in with urgently needed supplies, establishing communication and cooperation between responding organizations, and offering a cup of cool water in Jesus' name.

Now, with this letter, we'd like to look at another aspect of MAF's ministry: getting into places you can't get into another way. Many places on earth are not receptive to traditional mission work, but are interested in humanitarian

flight services and community development. To this end, MAF operates a humanitarian subsidiary which can go into parts of the world closed to traditional missions. In those places, while MAF's workers are not allowed to mention the name of Jesus openly, they are still there, being Christ's 'hands and feet,' and sharing His love with hurting people.

Villages in Central Asia served by our humanitarian subsidiary are so remote that it can take hours of travel for needy people just to get to the nearest dirt airstrip where a flight can be taken to the city. Maternal death rates are among the highest in the world, and are coupled with poverty and malnutrition. As these needs are met, peoples' hearts are opened to the Gospel.

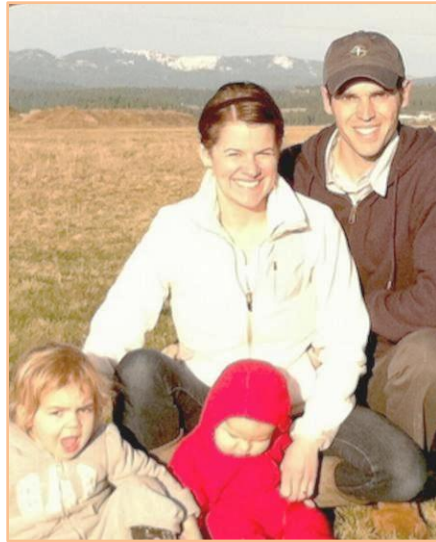
A year ago Jonathan graduated from Moody's training program, where I teach. He and his wife, Amy, recently joined MAF, and are on their way to Central Asia to serve. What they will find there will not look like traditional mission aviation, but it is an effective way to gain access to a place otherwise impossible to reach.



Thanks for your part in supporting our ministry with MAF at Moody, so that people like **Jonathan and Amy** can train and go, carrying the life of Christ to places that can't otherwise be reached.

Ian's New Job

This spring I have been preparing **Ian** to become a Certified Flight Instructor (CFI). He graduated from Moody's program in 2008 and spent some time working in industry before returning with his wife, **Leslie**, to work in our maintenance shop. Now we have a need for another flight instructor, and since Ian has distinguished himself as a good pilot and communicator, he is being asked to fill the role. By the time you are reading this, Ian should have passed his test with the FAA and be teaching four students of his own for Moody. Please pray for him as he steps into a new and challenging role.



Family News

Thanks to all of you who are praying for our girls, Carmelle, and Néhémie, and their adoption. In April Jen and I spent a week in Haiti with them. Officially, our visit was to present ourselves to the judge and gain her approval, and, praise God, she gave it. But by far the greatest joy for me was to meet the girls for the first time. I was amazed as my heart instantly bonded with these two girls, who are so different from me, and yet were claiming the right to call me, "Dad." At the end of the week we had to tear ourselves away, but with the promise that we would return for them.

Suddenly Jesus' sweet promise was made all the more real to me: *"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am"* (John 14:1,2 NIV). Praise God! He is preparing a place for us, and is coming back to get us.

At this point we believe we have done all we can on the adoption and are waiting for word from Haiti to go and make it final.

Praise God with us!

- Another class of missionary aviators graduated in June
- Haiti approved our adoption, and we got to spend time with the girls

Please pray with us

- For the new Moody class starting to train
- Since coming to Spokane, Moody has partnered with the state community college for maintenance training. Now, for several reasons, Moody is seeking to bring that training in house. It is a huge job, and we'd like to offer the training, starting in January.
- That our adoption of Carmelle and Néhémie would be completed this summer

Thanks for your partnership with us,

Gene Jen
Nate Andrew
(Carmelle & Néhémie)

