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MISSION AVIATION

NEWS FROM THE HILDEBRANDTS

'Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds'

Psalm 36:5

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your ongoing prayers and support in the ministry God has called us to with MAF!

Unexpected changes in our lives can sometimes cause uncertainty and worry, but they also provide an amazing opportunity to see God's faithfulness even when we don't understand what He is doing. That has definitely been the case for us this past year!

While I (Kalvin) was able to serve in Africa twice this past year, we didn't end up going as a family as previously expected. We have seen the Lord's sovereignty and goodness in allowing us more time in Canada to support our children in their various stages of life and studies. This has also allowed me to jump back into flight instructing during a time when the program needed instructional staff. We have been able to continue to serve our local church in Three Hills which has been a blessing for us. We are thankful for this body of believers that faithfully meet to worship Christ and hear solid

teaching from His Word. It has given us a renewed longing to see the Church in Canada and around the world strengthened in order to bring greater glory to Christ.

It was a special privilege for me to spend two months in Chad this summer and witness the new work that the Lord is doing in regions of the country that were formerly so closed to the Gospel! In addition, I again saw the great need that exists across the mission field for more workers, and it reminded me why the work at Prairie Aviation Training Centre (PATC) is so vital in equipping pilots and mechanics for service. MAF has asked if I would be willing to complete several additional trips to Africa next year, so we are praying for wisdom in this and the timing involved. We are blessed to be a part of both sides of the MAF ministry—helping to equip new workers, while also being able to periodically go overseas when needed.

This week we were reminded while reading an MAF publication, of the work being done by graduates of ours who now serve in South Sudan. It was exciting

Most of the village shows up when the airplane arrives at the airstrip



Training students to fly safely in the mountains



to read of their involvement in supporting Gospel outreach by flying evangelist teams, along with their supplies and thousands of solar-powered radios that are being used to spread the Good News across that nation!

As we continue to serve in Three Hills, I have appreciated more opportunities to get to know students than I previously could as director of the program. Sometimes this involves sitting over a cup of coffee or just discussing what is happening in their lives while we prepare for our flights. We know the Lord has sovereignly brought each one of them here.

Much of my instructional time has been focused on training students in various aircraft types as they work toward their commercial license. A particular privilege has been carrying out much of the mountain training for the program. We expect most graduates will at some point end up flying in mountainous regions of the world and off of challenging airstrips. We therefore feel it is crucial that we give them a good understanding of the risks involved and allow them to practice this under our supervision in a fairly controlled environment.

I was recently asked by MAF to carry out a training module for mission candidates who have begun working in the aviation industry and are now hoping to join MAF. My role is to spend a week with the candidates, providing some flight training as well as an initial assessment of their capability before they move on to the next stage of evaluations with MAF. It is a privilege to be a small part of the preparation journey they are on toward service wherever God leads them!

We look forward to having most of our kids here this holiday season.

We wish you all a very blessed Christmas season as you celebrate and worship our Saviour's arrival on earth!

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May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Romans 15:13

Dear Friends and Family of Calvin and Dorilee Hildebrandt,

December 2022

This Christmas season, as we celebrate the birth of Christ, we give thanks for another year where MAF has served communities all over the world bringing help, hope, and healing through aviation in His name.

Just as it takes a team of people to reach the lost for Christ, MAF missionaries depend on a team of supporters to provide regular, ongoing support for their ministry. As we look back at what God has done through your prayers and generous giving in 2022, we want to say **THANK YOU** for the part you play in making these life-changing flights happen.

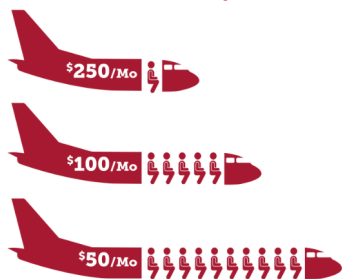
Kalvin and Dorilee are committed to serving **where needed most**, and over the last year have split their time between PATC and once again flying in Chad. Their service at PATC allows them to be a part of raising up the next generation of mission-focused aviators as they train and mentor students, while flying in Chad unites them with a team they served with for many years, bringing access to health care, development opportunities, and the Good News of the Gospel to isolated communities.



This would not be possible without your support!

Currently, Calvin and Dorilee are hoping to grow their ministry support team so that they can continue to serve where He leads. Their ministry is in need of an additional **\$1,250/month** to reach their support goal.

Could one of these seats be for you?



There are a few ways you can help fill the available seats on their support team:

- ➔ If you are not currently a financial partner, consider whether you are able to **make a monthly commitment** to Calvin and Dorilee's ministry with MAF.
- ➔ If you are currently a financial partner, would you consider **increasing** your monthly support?
- ➔ You could make a **special gift** to their ministry.
- ➔ Another way to support the Hildebrandts' ministry would be to reach out to **people in your community** who may wish to support their ministry with MAF.

Please prayerfully consider how you can make a difference this Christmas in the lives of isolated people as you help MAF to keep Flying for Life.

Sincerely,

Brad Bell
President and CEO, MAF Canada



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