

## It's the final countdown

Christmas may be long over, but we are just beginning to make our list, and we are checking it much more than twice. Lord willing, team Ludvicek will be settling into 11 months of language school in Indonesia less than a year from now. As we plan to leave, we have a lot of sorting to do. What to squeeze into two small crates that will come with us? What to store? What needs to find a new home? In some ways it feels a little wasteful tossing aside so many things we once sought after and spent hard earned (and sometimes scarce) money on. However, on a deeper level it is freeing to get rid of so many things that we don't really need. To remember that we have been called into a deeper story that a love for the 'stuff' of this world cannot produce. As we carefully weigh the perceived value of each item, we can feel the days we have left here with friends and family slipping away while the days of the exciting journey God has placed before us are coming in like a tidal wave. It is a blessed thing that we only have to live one day at a time!

# Looking Forward

We hope to leave for Indonesia just after Christmas this year, but that can only happen on one condition...all of our support must be raised! We currently have T-Minus 5 months to reach our monthly and start-up support goals before we head to training where we will not have much opportunity to continue working towards that goal. That means a lot of work ahead for us. It also means that if you have been thinking and praying about joining our team, we need **YOU** to get us there!

I would like to mention here a colossal thank you to those who have already joined us in our ministry. We cannot express how humbled and grateful we are for your generosity. We know you have caught our vision for the work that God is doing through the ministry of MAF and we are giddy with the anticipation of bringing you along on this journey with us!

\*Did I make you sing?

Mission Statement:

"Sharing the love of Jesus Christ through aviation and technology so that isolated people may be physically and spiritually transformed."





#### How often will we get to see all y'all's beautiful faces in person once you leave?

A term for us is 4 years. That means after 21 months we will return for a short one-month visit to touch base and recharge, then 21 months later we will return for 5 months for a more in-depth time of catching up with our lovely supporters.

This pattern will repeat each 4-year term that we are on the field.

#### Will Alex be away from home for days/weeks at a time?

Thank goodness no! The areas that Alex will be flying into will be near enough (by airplane) to the area we are living to fly in and out in a day. In fact, most days he will visit several villages each day between sunrise and sunset. Of course there will be exceptions here and there. After all, this ministry is exceptional!



Gotta look good for all those meetings!



### Nationals hard at work in the hangar

#### What does discipleship look like for Alex if he just flies all the time?

Some of the flight aspect will include serving and encouraging the missionaries in isolated areas, sharing with passengers why we left America to serve them, and praying with them before flights. As a mechanic, I will have more one-on-one discipleship time as I work alongside local Indonesians who are learning how to fix aircraft, who will one day take over the MAF base in Papua. Of course there will be plenty of Bible study/outreach time at home with coworkers and neighbors. Who can forget about family ministry! Life will be busy!

Other FAQs can be found on our blog: flightreport.weebly.com

You're going to raise your son where? Are you crazy?!

How will we be able to communicate with you?

What will Tricia be doing?

How long will you be living there?

What will you live in... a hut?!







training on understanding Islam and sharing Christ's love with Muslims.

Pre-Field Schedule:

- July we will move out of our apartment which means a lot of sorting through and packing up everything we will bring with us to Indonesia.
- August—October we have training in Idaho for Standardization (flight and maintenance training for Alex) and Orientation (The ins and outs of MAF and survival on the field).
- Finish up our ministry partnership if needed and spending the holidays with family and friends before flying to language school near Jakarta after Christmas!





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