



THE LUDVICEK FLIGHT REPORT

MAY 2017

Imagine with me...

Ever since you can remember, you knew you wanted to marry her someday - the girl with the fiery brown eyes. Then, last summer that dream became a reality. What a joy it has been to be married. On top of that, just a few short months ago, she announced that she is expecting your first child. Since then you have spent your days dreaming of what it will be like to have a child of your own. Will it be a sweet baby girl, or perhaps a boy to carry on the family name? But last night things started to go wrong. By this morning you realized that if she and the baby did not get help soon they would not be long for this world. From that moment it was a whirlwind. The dispatcher was notified, he radioed for MAF; she would fly from your small mountain village to the hospital in Tarakan in just a few hours from now. They said that she would make it in time, praise the LORD! As you wait and pray, you consider your choices. ***If you stay behind she will be all alone***, and it might be days before you hear news of her and the little one, or you could take the flight with her and ***spend every penny*** you can scrounge up on a place to stay for a few nights...

There is a third option though. In the summer of 2013 MAF staff in Kalimantan, Indonesia officially opened the doors of "Rumah Singgah" or "The Hospital House." The purpose of the house is to provide both housing and hospitality to the families of those who have been flown by MAF into the area from the surrounding villages for medical treatment. ***It allows Jesus' love to be experienced even after the airplane lands.*** The house is only a stone's throw away from the hospital, and MAF staff maintain the home to ensure that the families have everything they need during their stay. While the above scenario is technically fiction, it rings true for many in that area who have been helped by MAF through medical evacuations and through the opportunity to stay at "Rumah Singgah."



Mission Statement:

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

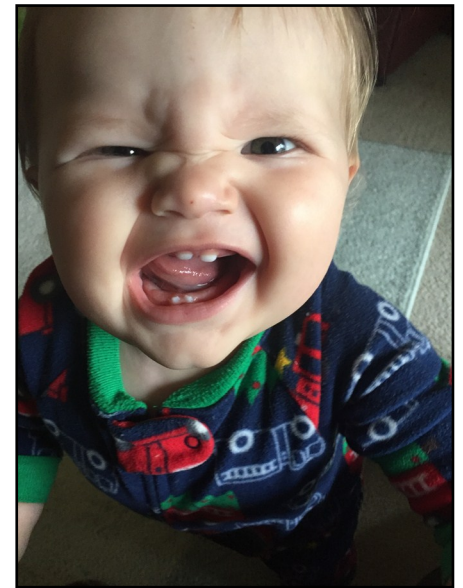
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Here are a few highlights from the past months:

After a bit of a lull we passed the 75% mark of our fundraising goal mid April! April was also monumental for Jackson as he sprouted four teeth and is now on the move. Time to baby-proof EVERYTHING!

Just a few weeks ago we ordered our new passports. We are excited about Jack's first passport in anticipation of the adventures he will have overseas. However, this also marks the beginning of a lot of paperwork and a very long process for obtaining Indonesian visas. It's not too early to pray that we are able to get them without any delays!

We were privileged to speak at two local churches recently. Alex had the opportunity to preach in front of a congregation for the first time. Then, the next week, we had a quick five minute Q&A at another church. I can't help but tell a quick story about that last one...



Jack has some new fangs to show off



Just moments before the attack

Our sweet ten month old can handle five minutes in front of a church, right? After all, I'm sure they want to meet the whole family. But sitting still is just not quite on this little boy's agenda yet. After only a few seconds, restlessness gave way to curiosity. I felt a tug at my ear, but nothing out of the ordinary. Until a woman sitting in front jumped up on stage to enlighten me that Jackson was in the process of eating my earring. After swooping off the stage and fishing a glass bead with a sizable post out of his mouth, I slid it into my pocket with a sigh. Crisis averted. Lesson learned.



Alex, Trish & Jack

All that to say, we are doing better than we deserve. With summer upon us, the to-do list is lengthening and the months we have left in Iowa are quickly shrinking. Continue to pray for us that God provides full support by this July before our training begins in Idaho, that our training is beneficial and that our time remaining at home is blessed. Thank you for your prayers and support, and we hope to connect with you before we leave.

Current Financial Status

Monthly support

84%



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