

EXCERPTS

(From Driediger Life)

Of the increase of his government there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this. Isaiah 9:7

MAF - "Move Again Friend"

We are discovering that one of the alternate meanings of MAF is Move Again Friend. Even here in Canada, as in other parts of the world, MAF's aviation needs require the moving of families from time to time. This time for us is not a drastic move, but rather just moving into Steinbach from Grunthal to be closer to work. After a number of long days up north, coming home well after the kids are in bed, Annie and I decided that it would be best if I wouldn't have to drive very far in order to get home. We have now shortened the drive from 25 minutes down to about 5! This has already proved to be a very beneficial move in that I can now spend more time with Annie and the kids instead of taking the better part of an hour driving back and forth from work each day.



Our new house in Steinbach.

We have begun to settle into another neighbourhood, and look forward to building relationships here in Steinbach. While living in Grunthal, we attended the Grunthal Evangelical Mennonite Brethren Church, and will continue to attend there. We figured it would be better to drive to Grunthal two or three times a week than to Steinbach five or six!

As we waded through the mounds of boxes, and continue the task of unpacking in another house, we are reminded again and again of God's faithfulness to us. We are so blessed to have a support team standing with us in this ministry allowing us to be free to follow the Lord's leading to serve with aviation. Without all of you giving financially to our ministry through MAF and praying for us daily, we could not be serving here in Manitoba. He has also blessed us with a wonderful church family here in Manitoba, and three beautiful kids who find it fascinating to be under foot as much as possible as we unpack.

From two days to 2 hours

In almost every place around the world where MAF serves with aviation technology, there are stories about how evangelists and missionaries are able to get from one place to another in far less time because of the airplane. As I fly here in Manitoba I'm finding that this flight program is no exception to that rule. This past weekend I provided transportation for a First Nations pastor, his wife, and another member of the community, from God's River, MB, to Big Trout Lake, ON. This is a distance of 313 kilometres. Normally when he makes this trip, it takes two days each way. The first day is spent flying from God's River to Winnipeg, then driving to Sioux Lookout, ON and spending the night there. The following day the flight from Sioux Lookout departs to get to Big Trout Lake.

Using the MAF airplane, I was able to take Pastor Marcel, his wife, and one other church member, directly from God's River, to Big Trout lake in just under two

Pastor Marcel, his wife, and Trent in Big Trout Lake on Friday evening.



hours. Then a few days later, fly back up to Big Trout Lake, take the three of them back to God's River - another two hour flight - and be home for supper. This not only made it much more economical but also a good use of time.

I look forward to many more flights like this one by which the Gospel of Jesus Christ will continue to spread throughout the north once again!



Merry Christmas!

I'm told that we are now in the winter season here in Manitoba, although it really doesn't look like it just yet. We have had unseasonably warm temperatures and it's almost mid November without snowfall still! None-the-less, Christmas will be upon us before we know it and we want to wish all of you God's best as we celebrate the birth of our Saviour this year.

As we said in our last letter, we will be spending Christmas in BC this year and would love to see as many of you in the area as possible. At risk of being redundant, we'll go through our itinerary again here:

Dec 16 to 21; Three Hills, AB

Dec 23 to 28; Chilliwack, BC

Dec 28 to Jan 4; Rock Creek, BC

Jan 5 to 19; Chilliwack, BC

After this we will return home to Steinbach to pick up where we left off and serve whatever aviation needs we can through the winter months as we prepare for the coming summer. Merry Christmas!

Praise items:

-Praise Him for the ministry flights that we've been able to do in the past month!

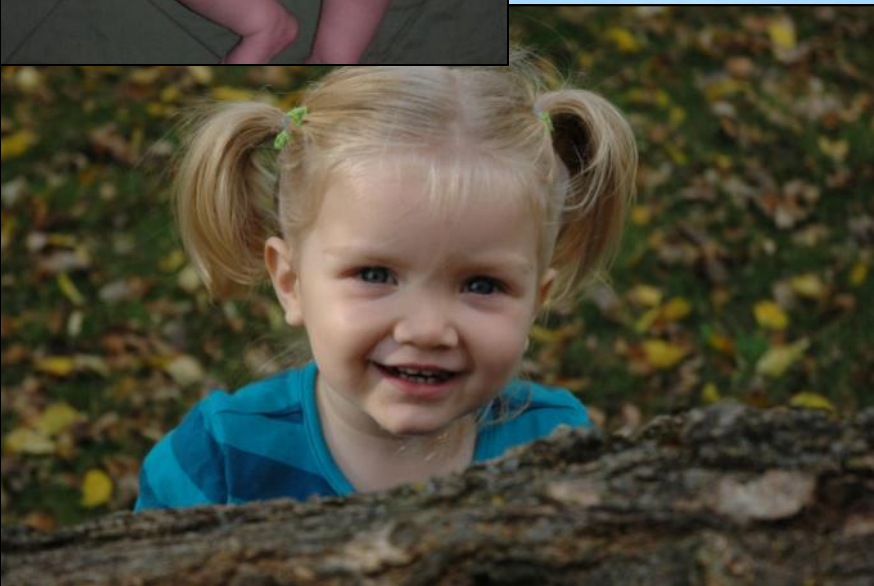
-Praise Him for safety surrounding those flights.

-Praise Him for our healthy growing children!

-Praise Him for His provisions of support for this ministry with MAF through the faithful prayers and giving of His people.

-Praise Him for sending His Son, Jesus to be the Light of the world!

-Praise Him that we have the awesome privilege of sharing that light in a hurting world.



Prayer requests:

-Pray for continued flight safety as we face the different challenges of flying in Manitoba's northern prairie winter conditions.

-Pray that we will continue to build relationships in northern community leadership, as well as with the missions based in the south here that are working in the north.

-Pray that MAF will be able to find the right person/couple to manage the flight program here in Manitoba.

-Pray for Annie as Nathan will be away from home more now that the flight schedule is picking up some.

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