

New MAF People

New MAFNZ Office Worker

We are pleased to welcome Aggie Brown to the MAFNZ office based in Manukau City. Aggie will be taking on the role of my P/A and will work with Personnel.

New MAF Pilot

We gladly welcome Rachel Goodfellow to the MAFNZ family. The next few months will see her busy with completing preparations before heading to Arnhem Land.

Rachel Goodfellow



Rachel grew up on farms out of Matamata and Fielding, New Zealand. While still at school, she took her first flying lessons. Then in 1997 and 1998 Rachel undertook her Commercial Pilot's Licence training.

Having subsequently completed her Bachelor of Aviation in Management, she has spent the last 9 years living in Wellington working in Human Resources.

Rachel first became aware of MAF while undertaking her pilot training. Since that time, the desire to serve those in remote

communities has grown. While working in recent years, she has continued to prepare for MAF with flying training and by completing her Certificate in Christian Ministry. She believes that God has now given her the opportunity to fulfil His call on her life by joining MAF as a pilot.

Rachel is currently completing her training and Orientation, in preparation to go to Arnhem Land in October. She also needs to raise more support for while she is on the field.

If you would like to donate to Rachel's fund, or become a regular supporter through prayer and/or finances, contact Kaye at MAFNZ:

kayemartin@maf.org or free-phone 0800 87 85 88.

New MAF Hangar in Arnhem Land



In May and August this year, several building teams from New Zealand and Australia went to Arnhem Land to help build the new MAF hangar as well as 3 new houses. Thanks to the volunteers, the work has progressed exceptionally well and the buildings are now almost complete. The new Arnhem Land hangar officially opens on September 19th.



A bush road in Arnhem Land

"MAF has operated in Arnhem Land for over 35 years. There are very few church and mission agencies that work in Arnhem Land. In fact, MAF is the largest Christian mission agency in Arnhem Land..."

MAF in Arnhem Land



In 2008, MAF carried 47,950 passengers in Arnhem Land.

Ian McBride, Programme Manager of MAF in Gove, Arnhem Land writes: "Behind the numbers is a story – a story of service by a great team of aviation professionals.

Through service to the people of Arnhem Land, MAF staff represent Christ in this part of our broken world.

Often, passengers who fly with MAF in Arnhem Land are patients travelling to and from the hospital in Gove for specialist appointments, surgery or babies. We carry many a bundle of joy all wrapped up in their blanket and on their way home, as well as the usual broken arms, legs, dental patients, dialysis patients, eye patients etc. Also in this category are mobile health clinics, with medical staff being transported to remote areas to conduct these clinics.

MAF also flies teachers and/or administrators of the many remote schools located in this region. Remote homelands schools can range in size from 5\6 to 100 students, with teachers visiting routinely to assist locally based teachers. We also carry students attending school or tertiary studies away from home.

To aid development, MAF transports people who work for homelands and community service organizations, and do building or maintaining of infrastructure such as phones, water supplies, electricity networks, roads, airstrips, housing and vehicles.

Yolngu (local indigenous people) also travel with MAF, getting supplies from town to help sustain them in the remote homelands; they may be on a journey for a funeral or a ceremony, and we have also carried community elders travelling to make peace in some dispute."

Thank you for your interest in and support of MAF's unique ministry.

Yours to help transform the world,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Fox". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Mark Fox

Chief Executive

... MAF has been described as a "Brother" and a "Friend" to Yolngu (local indigenous people). It is through our flying, and the way in which we conduct ourselves, that this is borne out, and it is how MAF in Arnhem Land is sharing Gods love through aviation and technology." Ian McBride



MAFNZ AGM 2009

MAFNZ has its annual general meeting coming up on Sunday November 15th. Details will be posted on the MAFNZ website in October.

RIDEtoFLY

Preparations for this significant fundraising event are progressing well. There have been many offers of accommodation, as well as people planning to join the ride. Another way to be involved is by spreading the word amongst friends and family and motorcycle groups in your area. For updates visit: <http://ridetofly.blogspot.com>

