



CHRISTmas Greetings and a Hope-filled New Year to you,

Like the old year calendar....our home ministry assignment in the States rapidly works toward closure, as we also look forward to traveling to Ecuador on January 15.

Glory to God in the Highest for:

Safe travels over 15,000 miles

Precious time with you our very important ministry partnership team

Important time with Fred's folks in their move to Residential Care in Oklahoma

Trevor and Kristen's simple, meaningful, God-honoring wedding ceremony. We couldn't be happier with our new daughter-in-love.

What **JOY** to see them joined together.



Allowing us to attend the 67th annual John Brown University 'Carols by Candlelight' concert. The high caliber music reminded us of **Emmanuel**, in a magnificent way. Danica sang with the women's choir, in her Senior year Christmas performance.

Tyler's completion of his Certified Flight Instructor Rating and ensuing job with Spokane Turbine Center, teaching ground school for the Kodiak airplane

Kyle's four-year ROTC Army college scholarship

Anticipation of spending a white Christmas in North Dakota with family, the first since 1996!

Pace among men only comes through **Jesus**, which is why we return to Ecuador.
In the last two months our MAF Ecuador team:

Flew 44,000 miles

Made 938 landings

Helped 1729 passengers

Mission flights covered over 9,100 miles

Carried 55,349 pounds of cargo

Medically aided in over 13,000 miles

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Prayer requests from Ecuador:

1. Our 'new to us' Cessna 182, which burns car fuel, sits on our hangar ramp in Quito waiting for the completion of its importation. Pray the officials will release it quickly and without exorbitant custom fees.
2. Our newest ADSE pilot family, the Meads, plans to arrive sometime in June. Pray as they work through all the paperwork for David gaining Ecuadorian citizenship.
3. Pray for continued safety as we fly, and vigilance in our plane maintenance
4. Vision, focus, and unity, the all important building blocks of a Christ-centered ministry, is the prevalent prayer request for ADSE (our MAF Ecuador national counterpart) as they march into a transitional year of taking over the leadership reins
5. To date, no housing has been found for us in Shell. Pray something will come available soon.
6. As we return, our 'empty-nest' requires some downsizing of household goods. Thank you for praying as we enter a new stage in our marriage, and face another transition in our ministry as we relocate to Shell.
7. Pray for boldness in witnessing for Christ for our whole MAF team, and that God would be glorified in and through our lives.

Together for the Kingdom,

Fred and Desi



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