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## 33 A Lesson from the Air Races?

Recently I had the chance to fulfill a long-time dream of mine—I got to see the Reno Air Races in person! All I can say is WOW! There is quite simply nothing like it in the world—a pack of highly modified planes screaming around a short track at over five hundred miles an hour, doing knife-edge turns fifty feet off the ground. There's no doubt those guys are good!



Yet something really struck me while I was there. Despite the fact that their planes are maintained and flown by some of the best people in the business with almost unlimited resources behind them, in the end those pilots aren't foolish enough to place all their faith in their man-made planes and engines. They've got parachutes. They take precautions. They go to great lengths to prepare for emergencies, however unlikely, so they're always ready—not unlike the pilots of MAF. Well, we obviously don't do parachutes, but...

Every six minutes an MAF aircraft takes off or lands somewhere in the world. And every single time, before and after takeoff and landing, and at regular intervals in between, the pilot communicates his plans and intentions with the MAF "flight

follower." In the U.S. this would be similar to a general aviation pilot who files a flight plan with the FAA prior to takeoff, except that MAF's in-house flight following system is a more proactive and in-depth approach. With MAF, flight following is not optional.

I've often heard new, inexperienced pilots talk about how they don't like to file flight plans because they're "too restrictive."

Well, tell that to the pilot who went missing in Oregon two weeks

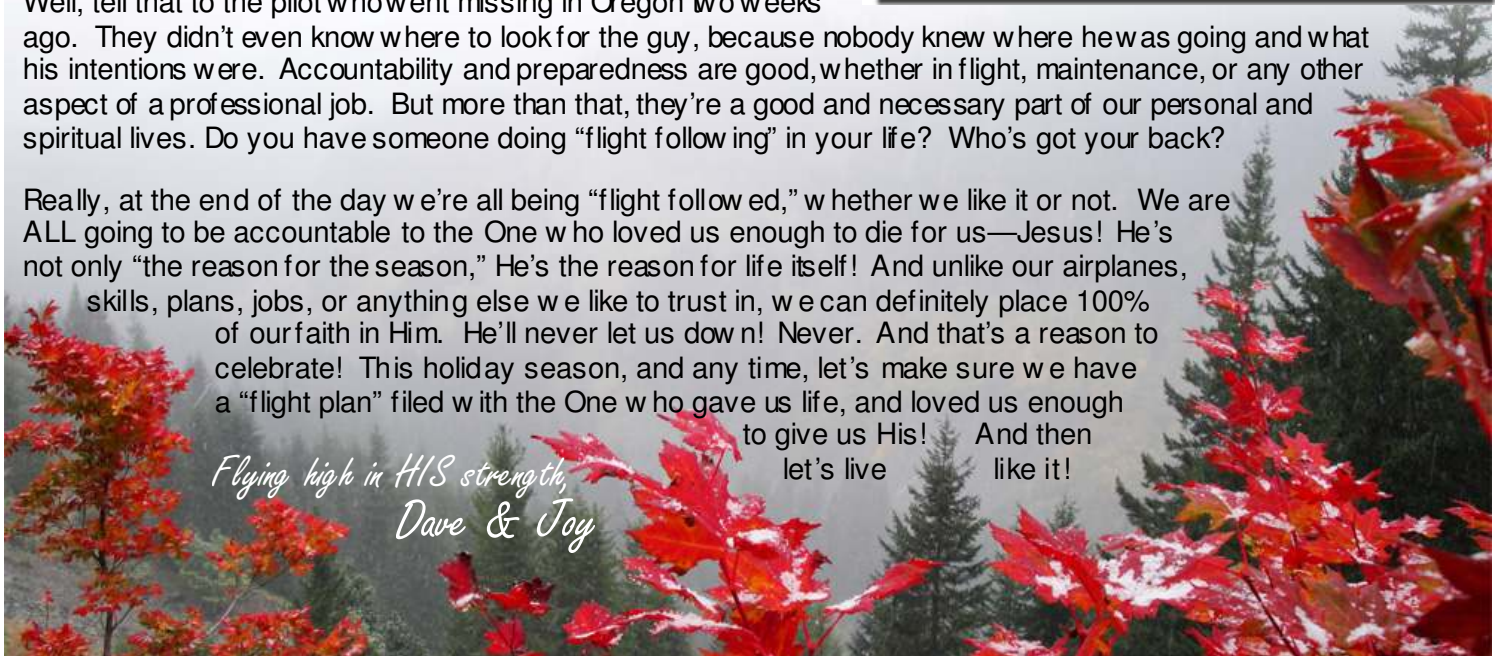
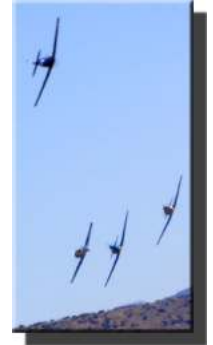
ago. They didn't even know where to look for the guy, because nobody knew where he was going and what his intentions were. Accountability and preparedness are good, whether in flight, maintenance, or any other aspect of a professional job. But more than that, they're a good and necessary part of our personal and spiritual lives. Do you have someone doing "flight following" in your life? Who's got your back?

Really, at the end of the day we're all being "flight followed," whether we like it or not. We are ALL going to be accountable to the One who loved us enough to die for us—Jesus! He's not only "the reason for the season," He's the reason for life itself! And unlike our airplanes,

skills, plans, jobs, or anything else we like to trust in, we can definitely place 100% of our faith in Him. He'll never let us down! Never. And that's a reason to celebrate! This holiday season, and any time, let's make sure we have a "flight plan" filed with the One who gave us life, and loved us enough

to give us His! And then  
let's live like it!

*Flying high in His strength,  
Dave & Joy*



This is the first time us younger kids have seen colored leaves and snow and stuff like that!



# Kids Korner

It's about time!

Back by popular demand!!



I wrangled a 7-foot black snake in Tennessee. But later Dad and me got in trouble from Mom for getting too close to this rattle snake in Arizona! It was so cool! --Britton



We got to stand on the edge of a really big hole—the Grand Canyon!

Dad took me to see real, live monster trucks! They were louder than his airplanes! -- Hudson

My hair almost blew right off my head in the Badlands of South Dakota. We really liked visiting the National Parks, like Saguaro, where we became Junior Rangers. We liked the cacti and animals...well, except the rattlesnake. Mom screamed when we saw that! -- Hannah

We got to go to parks, zoos, and farms. It was lots of fun!

We miss Indonesia, but we've been having a blast in the U.S.A.! We've driven almost 20,000 miles with our family, sharing with people about our ministry with MAF. Along the way we've done and seen some really cool things. Check it out!

We hatched baby chicks at Grandma's. Britton said he wished we could feed them to our python in Indonesia. Hannah got mad at him!

It's not true. Everybody does NOT have a water buffalo. We don't. We have a regular buffalo, not a water buffalo. But he's still fast, and yours is still slow. We found him at Yellowstone. But we had to leave him there because we couldn't fit him in our minivan. Guess we need a bus!



Even here there's lizards to catch! This is a horned lizard... a handsome blke!



Huh?

Bubba Tyler Tanner Britton Hudson Hannah



## A Change in Travel Plans

There's been a few minor changes regarding our scheduled return to Indonesia. On January 6<sup>th</sup>, I will return to Indonesia as originally planned, but Joy and the kids will stay put in Oregon a little longer. That's because a few weeks later I'll be returning to the U.S. to attend a couple of additional flight-related seminars at MAF headquarters in Nampa, ID. After finishing the training on February 17<sup>th</sup>, I'll hook back up with my family in Oregon, and we'll all return together to Indonesia, on February 21st. Please keep us in your prayers as we'll be apart for over six weeks. However, this plan allows us to address some further speech therapy needs with Hudson, and additional doctor appointments for Joy, before starting another three-and-a-half year term in Indonesia. The next time we send out a letter, we should be re-settled back home in Tarakan, Indonesia! Yeah!



## A Note on Personal Gifts

Many have asked how to send us cards, letters, packages, or monetary gifts at Christmas. Since we'll still be in the U.S. for Christmas this year, feel free to send stuff directly to us. But please keep in mind that our space will be limited when we return to Indonesia. A personal gift, if sent through MAF, must be clearly marked with the words "PERSONAL GIFT" so that it will be passed on to us as intended. Unlike gifts given towards our general monthly ministry support, personal gifts are NOT tax-deductible. A personal gift is something that we receive above and beyond our set monthly salary. © Please e-mail us if you have any questions.

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All gifts can be sent to the MAF support address at left. General support gifts are tax-deductible, personal gifts are NOT. For personal gifts, please attach a note that says "Personal Gift." These gifts are used for special projects like helping Indonesians, traveling interior, etc. Thank You!