Mission Aviation Fellowship

Serving with Pacific Mission Aviation in Palau

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Dustin and Nacia Driedger
Ellidy & Ayla

Packing the essentials!

Enjoying an evening walk

Dear family, friends, and brothers and sisters in Christ,

Our last newsletter shared the exciting news that our family had arrived in Palau to serve on loan to Pacific Mission Aviation! Now, after almost a year on the field, we are on a short break in Canada.

Our last letter was far too early to make the announcement, but Nacia and I are overjoyed to be expecting a third addition to our family! For medical reasons, we needed to return to Canada for the delivery. While there were some medical concerns during the pregnancy, we praise God for keeping Nacia and our baby safe! We arrived in Canada early in July, and have been busy with doctors appointments and planning time with our partnering churches and individuals to share an update about our ministry in Palau.

We have multiple speaking engagements at churches in Alberta, and Dustin will also be travelling to northern BC, likely in November. On Sunday August 9th, Dustin had the privilege of sharing an update at Silver Valley Gospel Chapel, the same church that Dustin's brother has been pastoring for many years.

With a due date in mid-September, we expect to remain in Canada until (likely) some time in December. We will need a doctor's clearance for us to return to the field to make sure it is safe for Nacia and the next addition to our family to travel. Some of this time will also be spent getting all of the required travel documents, such as a passport secured.

Our time in Palau has been meaningful, and the more time we spend there, the more we are convinced that it is where God wants our family to be. There are many needs for future ministry, and we pray that God would open the doors for those ministries.

In Palau, Dustin has kept busy with numerous flights, as well as learning a new aircraft type, the Islander, to expand his capabilities. With this aircraft checkout complete, he can help with some of the more challenging missions. The Islander is our go-to aircraft for sea searches, as it has two engines for added safety factor when flying low over open water. It can also transport more people and supplies with its increased capacity, and recently, it gave Dustin his first opportunity to make an international ocean crossing. A worker from Samaritan's Purse had arrived in Palau and needed to travel to Yap, so Dustin was able to make the 2 hour flight to transport him there.

Meanwhile Nacia has kept busy caring for the kids and managing the household. We have started to get to know more people in the neighborhood, and are hopeful about building some long-term relationships.

One of many the aspects of ministry that we enjoy are the weekly Bible studies we lead on the island of Angaur. Dustin takes turns with the other pilots leading the adult studies.

We recently finished going through the gospel of John, and are now working our way through Genesis. Nacia led the children's Bible Study on Anguar before the morning sickness became too much of a hurdle. There have also been various church opportunities that Nacia has taken part in. Helping to facilitate a Ladies' Christmas event and also sharing our family's story and how God brought us to Palau at a Ladies' night. She enjoys being part of the ladies weekly Bible study at our church.

As we have settled into our new life in Palau, we have become increasingly grateful to be part of the bigger picture in the efforts of Pacific Mission Aviation, and the work that God is accomplishing in the greater Micronesia region. For ministries and outreaches to succeed, everyone's effort contributes to a greater outcome than what it could be alone. Partnership with others accomplishes much, and we are again reminded that without you, who are partnering with us through prayer and financial support, we would not be able to fill the role that we have been given. Thank you!

1 Corinthians 15:58
Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Right: Nacia in Angaur, leaving the terminal to lead the children's Bible Study

Below: Dustin's first international flight, landing in Yap

Praise and Prayer

- Praise for safe and smooth travels to Canada
- Prayer for a safe delivery and good recovery for Nacia
- Prayer for opportunities for good connection while in Canada
- Praise for the encouragement we have already received from our partners at home

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In His Service,

Dustin & Nacia

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