

Mission Aviation Fellowship

Irwin Informer

Andi perfectly summed up our feelings the other day. We were in the car and she said, "I am so tired of the word transition." In reality, I think the word just represents what we're actually very tired of dealing with. So, when someone asks us how our "transition" is going, we know they are concerned for us and being kind, but it has turned into a loaded question. It would be easy to just say, "Great!" but that wouldn't be very honest. Yet, to really explain all of what we've dealt with and are still dealing with after leaving Ecuador, would probably be more than anyone wants to hear.

So, as we begin the next phase of the ~~transition~~ upheaval (Honest, it was in the thesaurus as a synonym and seemed more appropriate.) we continue to ask for your prayers. The packing, sorting, house hunting, (see back page for our new address) and head scratching have already begun as we prepare for the cross-country move to MAF

headquarters in Nampa, Idaho. Our prayer continues to be, "Father, use us as you desire" and nothing else. Praying that prayer is easy, putting that prayer into everyday life is the hard part. Our egos, selfish desires, and worries about messing up our kids are only a few of the things that seem to get in the way. So, if you think to pray for us in the coming weeks, we would appreciate it so much.

As we've explained in past letters, our plan is to settle in Nampa for now. Chad will work in mobilization (formerly known as recruiting) and training new candidates. Andi will be joining the Ministry Partnership division and is excited to encourage and train staff. Our hope is that we can use our years of overseas experience to help new MAFers navigate the craziness that becoming a missionary is all about.



The Travelers

The last few months have been a whirlwind for our family. With our fall so busy last year, we put off a lot of traveling to visit supporters. We knew we had to remedy the situation quickly and see as many of you as we could before our move to Idaho. Andi and I started with a trip to Tennessee to visit friends from our Moody Aviation days. Shortly after, we headed to Texas to visit several supporters and also reconnect with a group of former Ecuador missionaries. A week later and we were on the road to Virginia for more visits. We culminated our travels with a trip to Idaho for meetings and interviews for our new roles at headquarters. Phew! We are about to start the 3 day drive to relocate to Idaho. It makes me tired just writing it. Please pray for us as we make the cross-country trek in 2 cars starting on the 19th of July.



How's Your Support??

We get asked about our monthly support quite often (I'm not just saying that so I have an excuse to write about it!). The truth is, coming back to the U.S. to accept a home assignment can be hard from a prayer and financial support perspective.

While we will be living in the U.S., Andi and I will both be working full-time to support the worldwide ministry of MAF. This requires that we continue to raise support and that can be difficult for families that are not overseas. At the same time, we find our support running about \$500/month below what MAF requires we raise. I know we've mentioned this in the last few letters, but we

continue to ask that you lift us up in prayer as we trust Him to work out where the additional support will come from. We know there are many of you who give sacrificially, and we are so grateful for your faithful generosity. If you haven't yet joined our ministry team and feel the Lord leading you to do so, we would love to have you on board! Your partnership would be a big encouragement to us as we follow God's call into this new season of ministry. Thanks for hearing our hearts and understanding the impact that MAF is having for His Kingdom!

Chad & Andi

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