

# **The Ringenberg Reader**

**Summer 2020** 



"Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful servants."

# Psalm 116:15

Last year, when we left for furlough, Joyce was just finishing language school and she arrived on program in July 2019. She was a welcome addition to the IT team here, as well as being a pilot. We got to meet Joyce when we returned from furlough in January of this year, and only had the privilege of knowing her for a little over four months. Joyce had a calm, pleasant demeanor. She was humble, especially for all the talents she had been blessed with. She was also a musician who played piano and guitar and sang as well.

## Remembering Joyce Chaisin Lin

On Tuesday morning, May 12, 2020, our MAF Sentani team lost one of its own. Joyce Lin, our newest soloed MAF Papua pilot, called "Mayday" and her Kodiak airplane PK-MEC went down into Lake Sentani soon after takeoff. Tragically, Joyce did not survive the accident. We were all stunned to say the least. That whole morning is painfully etched into our memory, and we have all shed many tears over Joyce's loss.

Joyce had visited Papua ten years ago on a vision trip, after she had felt the Lord call her from a Stateside career in IT (She was a graduate of MIT), to missionary aviation. She also earned her seminary degree before beginning her pilot training.





Joyce loved being involved with our national staff and the local community. Every Sunday she attended a small local church that some of our national staff also attend, and she met a need for them by being their pianist each week.

Needless to say, her loss has left a large hole in this program and in the hearts of many. She is dearly missed. But Joyce fully trusted her Savior and His calling on her life, and that testimony is an inspiration to many.



#### Praises

\*All MAF staff and national workers have thus far tested negative for COVID-19

\*God has provided a place for C.J. to stay in Virginia for the summer and a job

#### **Prayer Requests**

\*Pray for the world during continued uncertainty with COVID-19, and for wisdom for MAF leadership

\*Pray for the accident investigation team to have wisdom and timely results

\*Wisdom for our operations once passenger flying reopens

# **Family News**

Ryan has completed his spring semester of 7th grade doing online school at home. Each week he would have a number of Zoom calls for different classes. He is now an official 8th grader and is loving summer!

C.J. also finished his first year at Liberty University. Thankfully he was able to stay on campus for the spring semester, even though all his classes converted to online. Liberty did a great job of meeting CDC requirements and not one of the 2,000 students left on campus contracted COVID-19.

Linda keeps our provisions stocked up so we don't have to shop too often and organizes Ladies Bible Study, which has mostly been via Zoom.





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## **News About Our Support**

We want to let you know that in July our support target will increase to \$9,000 per month. It's been two years since our target has increased, while costs have steadily risen. We appreciate the leadership of MAF who do their best to control costs while keeping our support target ahead of projected staff expenses. There are a number of reasons for the increase, some of which are medical insurance costs, foreign income tax and rising costs in children's education.

As always, we appreciate those of you who faithfully support us prayerfully as well as financially. Some have supported us for many years while others have recently joined our team. If you would like to join our ministry partnership team, you can do so in one of the three ways listed below. We are always looking for new ministry partners.



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