

Tim and Karen Chase Bio



“He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what do the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”

Micah 6:8

Tim and Karen Chase have served with Mission Aviation Fellowship for 18 years, filling various roles in Indonesia, Nepal, and DRC (Congo), and are now assigned in the Nampa home office, where Tim is the Manager of Maintenance in the hangar.

Living and working in such diverse areas, Micah 6:8 has been an inspirational passage for them. Karen shares, "In Congo, we spoke no French; so while working, communications were often reduced to something just short of theatrical mime, but a genuine smile could still be understood. In Nepal, a person's integrity and respectful conduct spoke louder than their Nepali and English words. In Indonesia, where we could converse reasonably well, people could still sense when those words matched true motives. Sometimes the only way we have been able or even allowed to 'preach the Good News' is with our actions. We have hopefully been helping to change the perceptions of who Christ-followers are among people groups who have had limited first-hand experience. Now, even back in the US where we do "speak the language," God's call to service in this verse has not changed — He still asks us to serve with humility and obvious love. If we can be obedient to that, we can also entrust the eternal outcome to Him.

Tim shares, "It has been an amazing privilege to fly for and work alongside such a broad community of Kingdom builders from around the world. In each location God had a place for me to use the skills He's given me. Over and over again, people have expressed their appreciation for MAF's safe and reliable flight service, and the other technical help we've been able to provide. It has been humbling and very fulfilling to be involved in flight and maintenance, program management, and various IT/LT type projects, like building a digital version of the Nepali translation of Bible. Serving in the Nampa hangar has become a broader extension of all these roles."

Both Tim and Karen were raised in Christian families and came to a saving faith in Christ in early childhood. Tim obtained his AA in Aviation Maintenance Management and his private pilot's license while living in IL. He then moved to Miami, FL, for a successful career with IBM. Following her degree in medical technology, Karen moved from CO to FL, for a hospital laboratory position. They met in their Miami church. Through short-term mission trips, God led them toward mission aviation. In preparation, Tim earned his commercial instrument rating, and they both completed Bible correspondence courses.

Early in their third term with MAF, in order to fly an amphibian Caravan during the tsunami relief operations in Sumatra, Tim upgraded his licenses to include the Cessna 208 and a float plane rating.

Through the years, Karen's roles have been nearly as diverse as Tim's, from teaching English and providing hospitality, to logistics and cash boxes, vaccinations and phlebotomies, to beads (women's income-generation projects). She now shares the administrative assistant role at the hangar's front desk.

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