

Daniel Geaslen MAF, Papua New Guinea

Daniel, Joy, Zoe, and Ariella serve with Mission Aviation Fellowship as a pilot/mechanic family. Daniel flies national Christian workers, missionaries, medical evacuations, and relief workers in remote areas of Papua, Indonesia. Besides balancing daily life in Indonesia, caring for their daughters, and cooking from scratch, Joy seeks to find needs in the community where she can share God's love.

Daniel was raised in a godly home in northeastern Ohio, and first felt a clear calling to missionary aviation when he was 13. Beginning with short-term mission trips in junior high, his travels have taken him to almost 30 countries. This has uniquely prepared him for his role in aviation and communication services in as a missionary pilot. Daniel graduated in 2005 from Moody Bible Institute's Missionary Aviation Technology program, and then worked in aviation abroad for almost two years in preparation for joining MAF.

Joy grew up in western Massachusetts and learned from her family and church that God loved her and wanted her to serve Him. She chose to follow Him from a young age. Joy graduated from Wheaton College in 2003, with a BA in Psychology and a certificate of youth ministry. She served on campus ministry staff with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship for five years, planting a Christian fellowship at a college in New Hampshire. She has been interested in international ministry and participated in several short-term mission trips, as well as reaching out to International students on her campus. Daniel and Joy met while Daniel was visiting relatives in New Hampshire.

Daniel and Joy were married August 1, 2009. God blessed them with Zoe on July 15, 2011, and Ariella on November 23, 2013.