

# Gene Jordan

VP Human Resources

Mission Aviation Fellowship

Gene grew up as a “missionary kid” in Quito, Ecuador. His parents served with HCJB World Radio, a short-wave missionary radio station. HCJB was a hub of missionary activity in Quito and Gene’s parents hosted MAF and other jungle missionaries in their home in Quito, and as a result he has always been aware of MAF. About the time he was three years old, Gene flew with Nate Saint to the jungle where Gene’s father provided music for evangelistic meetings. “I am extremely thankful for my family. It was around the dinner table, following family devotions, that I gave my heart to the Lord. It was growing up in Ecuador that defined my desire to be a missionary.”



An interest in aviation was fostered by an open invitation throughout his high school years to “come down to the hangar” by the MAF pilots in Shell, Ecuador and a challenge to “use your life to build the Church through missionary aviation.”

After graduation from Moody Bible Institute’s flight program, Gene and his wife, Lynn, spent 18 months in Florida where Gene was involved in flight instruction, maintenance and charter flying. The Jordans applied to and were accepted with MAF in 1977. Their first overseas assignment was right back to...Shell, Ecuador, in 1978, where Gene served as pilot, mechanic, base manager, chief pilot, and Ecuador program manager.

- In 1984, Gene became the South America Chief Pilot, responsible for flight operations standards.
- In 1985, Gene became the Ecuador Program Manager.
- In 1991, Gene became the South America Area Manager, which meant relocation to Quito, the capital city of Ecuador.
- In 1995, he became the Latin America Regional Director. In this challenging position Gene coordinated and developed MAF’s ministry, which centered around aviation and communication support of missionaries, national churches, mission hospitals, and community development in remote regions in eight Latin American countries.
- In 2000, Gene was asked to assume the responsibility as MAF’s Director of Communications. This meant a move away from Ecuador to MAF’s worldwide headquarters in Redlands. I enjoyed 18 months of: “getting the MAF story out so that more individuals and churches can become partners in completing the task of Matthew 28 and Acts 1.”
- In March of 2002 Gene was asked to assume responsibilities as MAF’s Vice President of Personnel, which entails the recruiting of MAF pilots, mechanics, radio technicians and e-mail specialists, as well as the care of the 180 MAF families scattered around the world.
- In January of 2006, under a new CEO, MAF was restructured and Gene continued as Director of Personnel, responsible for Staff Development (recruitment, non-technical training), Personnel Services (the legal side of being an Idaho employer), MAF’s Volunteer department and Campus Support.
- In April of 2010, once again, under a new CEO and new structure, Gene “returned” to a VP position within MAF. Same job, same responsibilities, another business card!

Daughter Kim was born in Shell, Ecuador and her first home was the “Saint” house in Shell. Kim graduated from Wheaton College as a political science/international relations major and spent two years with Operation Mobilization serving on their ship, Logos II. She married FP VonVeen in July of 2006 and is currently working with Voice of the Martyrs as their senior writer.

Daughter Kelley was married on July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2003 and completed studies leading to an undergraduate degree in counseling at Moody Bible Institute. In 2008 she completed her studies in a Master’s Program in Psychology at Wheaton College. In 2010 Kelley and husband Nate joined International Teams with an assignment to...Ecuador. She currently works as a counselor at the Alliance Academy International in Quito. Nate coaches soccer and works with a community soccer team, Cumbre Alta.

Wife, Lynn, has taught missionary kids at each of the mission schools near the MAF bases where they have been assigned and continues teaching in Nampa. She considers her classroom as her mission field.

“It’s been exciting to see God work and build His church in the Amazon jungles of Latin America. My current challenge is to prepare future pilots, mechanics, computer whizzes, radio technicians, teachers and administrator to reach those areas of the world that have still not heard the “Good News.”