



Phil & Jessica Vana

Adelina, Jeremiah, Solomon
Pilot/ Mechanic Family



Serving Christ in Indonesia
with Mission Aviation Fellowship

*“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?’
And I said, ‘Here am I. Send me!’” Isaiah 6:8*

OpoPhil and Jessica Vana are new missionaries with MAF as a pilot/mechanic family. Their call to missions is one of obedience, wanting to be where He has called them, to do all He has prepared in advance for them. (Ephesians 2:10)

Born in Valparaiso, IN, and later moving to Durham, NC, Phil grew up with a solid foundation in church, but didn't realize the gravity of his sin and need for a Savior until college. After hearing of MAF in high school, Phil attended Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, AZ, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Science. In a campus ministry, Chi Alpha, he submitted his life to the Lord. Phil's first mission trip, to Hungary was the paradigm shift that started his own journey toward missions. He has since enjoyed trips to Haiti, Northern Ireland, Chile, Mexico, and India, in an effort to obey the Great Commission and spread the Good News to all tribes, tongues, and nations.

Jessica was born in Reno, NV, and has always loved airplanes, adventure, and reaching out to others. She began flying at age sixteen, and attended Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, where she grew in her love for the Lord and discovered a new passion for discipleship and missional living. Phil and Jessica

were married in 2004, and Phil flight-instructed at Embry-Riddle until they moved to Reno in 2005.

Deeply involved in Summit Christian Church in Reno, both Phil and Jessica were trained in lifestyle discipleship, learning how to best serve God. Phil attended The King's Seminary in Van Nuys, CA, earning his Master of Practical Theology, and working as the pastor of LIFE! Groups. In 2010 the Vanas felt God leading them back into aviation. Phil earned his Airframe and Powerplant ratings at the School of Missionary Aviation Technology in Ionia, MI.

“Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him,” Psalm 34:8. Phil and Jessica have tasted, and want others to have this same opportunity.

God calls the men and women of MAF to serve Him in unique ways. He may also be calling you to a special role in the Vanas' ministry. Please prayerfully consider becoming a Ministry Partner with them through prayer and/or financial support.

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