



Message from the Chairman and the Chief Executive



We have the very great privilege of serving a Christian charity whose mission is to help isolated and needy people across the developing world.

MAF operates more than 130 light aircraft in over 35 countries. Every

three minutes, an MAF plane is taking off or landing somewhere in the world to assist aid and development agencies, missions, churches and other national groups as they each seek to share the love of God by word and practical means.

The impact on a needy world was seen in so many ways during last year as MAF has:

- **Responded to emergencies** such as the cyclones and floods that have caused devastation in countries as far apart as Bangladesh, Madagascar, Uganda and Papua New Guinea
- **Supported more than 1,000 relief organisations** as they undertook food, healthcare, education and sanitation projects across many regions of the world
- **Assisted the spread of the Gospel** to communities in remote places as diverse as Tanzania and Mongolia
- **Provided humanitarian help** to those affected by unrest in southern Sudan and in Chad.

Here in the UK, our purpose is to raise support for MAF's worldwide work in the categories of 'prayer, people and pounds'. We are pleased to report that during 2007, God provided richly for His work and the total income of MAF UK rose by nearly 5% to £9.2 million. In addition, after learning about MAF's ministry, nearly 10,000 people joined the Supporter team, helping to enable this vital work with both prayers and pounds. Six new families from the UK went to serve with MAF overseas. On 30 September, we held our first Worldwide Day of Prayer under the banner *Your Kingdom Come*.

Additionally, following our annual review of risks and reserves, the Trustees were able to transfer an additional £2.1 million to front-line operations.

We report this progress as a testament

to the faithfulness of God and with gratitude that His provision has enabled MAF to help needy people in so many ways. We extend our thanks to our staff, and our increasing numbers of Supporters and Volunteers who have all done so much to further the work in the UK over the last 12 months.

Rejoicing mid-year when the Madagascar aircraft appeal was completed, we give thanks for the generosity of 34 Supporters. Plans are on track for the plane to enter service in Madagascar very early in 2008.

As we look towards the future, we fully expect the demand for MAF's services to increase; to provide more flights, operate more aircraft, open more new airstrips in remote places, and commence operations in further countries. Only with the grace of God and the ongoing commitment of our faithful Supporters can we aspire to meet these growing needs.

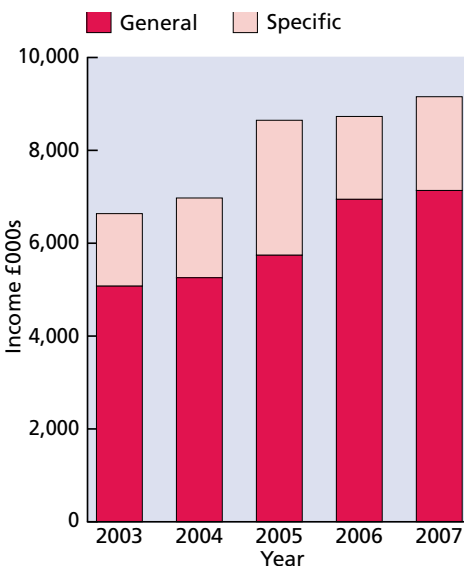
In closing, therefore, may we urge you to remember the work of MAF constantly before God and pray that, through our endeavours, we will make a difference in the lives of even more isolated people.

John Quin, Chairman
Ruth Whitaker, Chief Executive

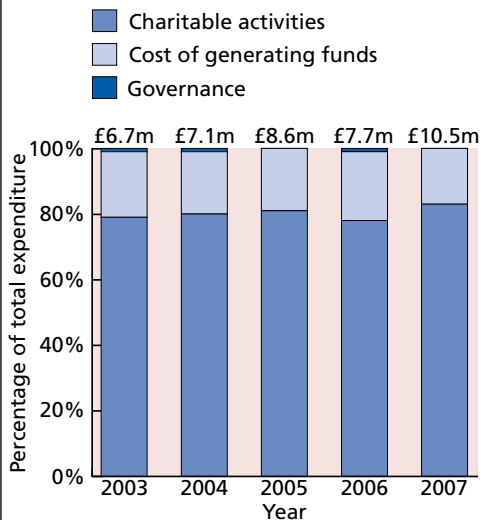
Illustration of Financial Activities

Resources received

Total for 2007: £9.2 million



Resources used



The purpose of this summary is to present simply and concisely the sources and uses of funds received during the year.

These charts are based on information contained in the Fellowship's accounts for the year ended 31 December 2007 which were approved by the Trustees on 8 April 2008 and an unqualified audit report has been received.

This summary financial information may not contain sufficient detail to allow a full understanding of the financial affairs of the charity. Copies of the accounts are available from the registered office of Mission Aviation Fellowship.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

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Mission Aviation Fellowship 2007 Report

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The overall purpose of MAF UK is to support the worldwide work of Mission Aviation Fellowship. This support enables the wider organisation to deliver 'high-impact flying' which supports many partner organisations serving people in remote regions of the developing world. These brief ministry examples give highlights of MAF's vital work during 2007



Responding to emergencies

Our amphibious plane was the first civilian aircraft to respond following the devastation wrought when cyclone *Sidr* hit the south of Bangladesh. With more than two million people in need of emergency assistance, flights took aid agency staff to the worst-affected areas to assess the damage and to put together a plan of action.

Widespread flooding in Uganda left hundreds of thousands of people without food or clean water – and also at serious risk of water-borne disease. With roads and bridges destroyed, our flights were crucial to transport relief packs to areas that were in greatest need.

When cyclone *Indlala* battered the north-east of Madagascar destroying many homes, flooding vast areas, contaminating water supplies and affecting more than 100,000 people, flights took relief supplies for Medair, CARE and Médecins du Monde.

In many countries in the developing world, easily-preventable diseases become killers without the availability of regular healthcare. Our teams responded in several countries in Africa following outbreaks of meningitis and Ebola by delivering precious vaccines.

A tropical cyclone caused severe flooding that devastated Oro Province in western

Papua New Guinea. Our pilots flew in supplies of fresh vegetables to those facing a desperate need for food.

Speeding the spread of the Gospel

The *Millennium Messenger* operates for Blue Sky Aviation in Mongolia. Its flights gave invaluable support to the vision of Ulaanbaatar Baptist Church to establish churches in every *aimag* (province). Four new churches have already begun and another six are planned. Pastor Boldbaatar shares, 'We learnt about Blue Sky. We are so thankful to God that He opened the door for us to reach different places and in such a short time.'

Each month, flights took medical teams into remote villages in Tanzania. On many occasions, there were also evangelists on board the aircraft, who were travelling to share the Gospel and to train local believers in reaching other people with the Christian message of hope.

Ex-prisoners who are now working with Prisoners for Christ in Kenya distributed soap, toilet paper, Bibles and other literature to inmates, as well as speaking to them about Jesus. Our aircraft took pastors to Garissa for outreach in the prison. In Wajir, Moyale, Mandera and Marsabit – all areas

that are very difficult to reach by road – prisoners are yet to hear the Gospel. But as Pastor Ngara says, 'We hope that MAF will be able to help Prisoners for Christ get to these remote prisons.'

Multiple ministries

Seven-year-old Stella and her three-year-old sister Scovia received penicillin, cough syrup and medication for malaria. They live in one of the internally displaced people's camps in Gulu, northern Uganda. Every fortnight, our planes flew a Mildmay medical team from Mulago Hospital in order to provide regular healthcare to such children.

In spite of ongoing security concerns and the fragility of the peace agreement in Sudan, work at Juba progressed with building MAF housing and with ongoing flights for aid agencies and churches. Much of Christian Mission Aid's (CMA) service is dependent on our aircraft that deliver vital supplies, medical equipment and personnel, flying over the swamps surrounding Keew. Trent Freedman, a short-term student nurse, declared, 'Without MAF, I think it would paralyse CMA.'

For many communities in Tanzania, the only way to gain access is still to walk there. Our airstrip development team worked in conjunction with local partners in the Mbeya, Rufiji Delta and Mpwapwa areas to locate

and establish new airstrips so that village people have access to basic healthcare and emergency flights to hospital. Aircraft also help economic development by flying out locally-made goods for sale.

Although insecurity in Chad caused our operation in the first part of the year to be run with just a skeleton staff, aircraft have continued to support the church and mission community in vital medical and evangelistic outreach. Flights for Dr Roy Jones enabled medical care to reach those who are isolated in desert regions of the country.

Stabbed in a fight, Paul Labri suffered a four-inch-deep abdominal wound that was bleeding into his stomach cavity. Without a plane to speed him to hospital, Paul would not have survived. Our flights for medical emergencies provide the only service of this kind in Papua New Guinea. So they are vital for thousands of people living in remote communities.

In Kenya, Tearfund staff members fly on our planes almost every week, visiting their projects in the arid north of the country. These regular journeys have been crucial for emergency relief work, providing food and medical care to severely malnourished children. And so with progression towards sustainable development, MAF flights are invaluable as they enable many aid workers to travel quickly and safely.

