Creator God, oh how we love You, how we adore You! You took something that was formless and empty, and You created the heavens and the earth. You separated light from darkness and placed the stars in the sky. The sun, moon, land and animals were all part of Your divine plan.

You then formed humanity in Your image and called us to be caretakers of the earth (Genesis 1:27-30). You longed for intimacy with each of us. But we turned our back on You and strayed.

Still Your love remained as You sent Your Son to pay the price for our sin and provide a way back to You — the perfect sacrifice.

You poured out Your Spirit upon all flesh so that we could be Your witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8). And You called us back to You with the words ‘Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they are doing’ (Luke 23:34, NLT).

You are the same God who made a way through the sea (Exodus 14:21-22) and brought down the walls of Jericho (Joshua 6), and You give us the assurance that we are all called to live in the reality of divine destiny. Thank you Lord that you lead us, work through us and live in us all (Ephesians 4:4-6).

Help us Lord to be a people that hear your voice and like Isaiah, respond with ‘here I am Lord, send me!’ (Isaiah 6:8). We believe that the call of God is not just for a select few, but for everyone. Open our ears and our hearts Lord. Help us to understand Your call for each of us in this season. Grace us with courage like Joshua (Joshua 1:9) knowing that wherever we go, and whatever we do, You are with us.

Test our attitudes, Lord, and reveal our fears. Remove any barriers that stop us being all You have called us to be as children of light (1 Thessalonians 5:5).

We are sorry for allowing ourselves to be side-tracked, distracted, or misguided away for Your purposes and the plans You have for us. May Your grace of forgiveness wash over us once more.

Help us, Lord, to ‘pray continually’ (1 Thessalonians 5:17) ‘in the Spirit on all occasions’ (Ephesians 6:18) and to ‘be joyful in hope, patient in affliction and faithful in prayer’ (Romans 12:12).

Amen.
ANGOLA Praise God for life-changing flights that raise awareness and treat fistula patients in Angola. This childbirth injury comes with enormous stigma and women often suffer for years. Give thanks for MAF partners CEML Angola, whose hospital provides surgery and aftercare, and Hope for our Sisters, which raises awareness in remote communities.

MYANMAR We broke ground in Lailenpi, Myanmar, earlier this year to build an airstrip that will enable rainy season access and reduce travel time from 4 days to 90 minutes. We look forward to the impact the airstrip will have on Lailenpi and surrounding villages. Praise God for our partner Health and Hope, which is battling the muddy roads around Lailenpi to train traditional birthing attendants and provide healthcare.

REFUGEES Praise the Lord that we’ve been able to continue meeting the needs of refugees in the Democratic Republic of Congo, South Sudan and Uganda. MAF flights carry aid workers including doctors, nutritionists and water specialists, as well as medical supplies and vaccines to communities that are difficult or dangerous to reach by road.

TIMOR-LESTE We celebrate every life saved in Timor-Leste, where last year we made 289 medical emergency flights. Although not every flight ends well for the patient, we give thanks for the opportunity to comfort and pray with patients and their families. The generosity of supporters enables us to provide medevac packs with some basic necessities to help patients during their hospital stay.
SUPPORTERS Prayer is vital to MAF. We couldn’t do what we do without the support of thousands of committed prayer supporters. Thank you for praying so faithfully! Ask the Lord to encourage even more people to pray for the work of MAF regularly. If you’d like to become an MAF prayer partner, there are a number of resources available at www.maf-uk.org/pray

VOLUNTEERS Thank the Lord for the 123 volunteer speakers who give of their time to help promote MAF’s amazing work to churches and youth groups throughout the UK. Pray that more supporters will be called to give time as MAF volunteers.

FINANCIAL GIVING Praise God for MAF’s faithful financial supporters. Without the generous gifts we receive, none of our work would be possible. Pray today for all the families and individuals currently serving with MAF or enquiring about serving overseas. MAF needs people to support its ministry regularly through prayer and financial giving. If you’d like to know more about how you can support MAF personnel, please visit www.maf-uk.org/staff or email adam.pope@maf-uk.org

MAIN MAF UK’s ‘Cabin Crew’ volunteers at the Big Church Day Out PHOTO Matthew Murphy
FLYING AFTER THE FLOODS IN MOZAMBIQUE

Earlier this year, two cyclones brought high winds and horrific flooding to coastal communities in Mozambique.

‘When we first flew over and saw it,’ Rick Emenaker explained on BBC’s Newsday programme, ‘we said, “Oh my goodness, this is a sea!”’ Cyclone Idai caused floodwaters which covered 1,200 square miles, destroyed 240,000 homes and claimed the lives of 600 of the 1.85 million people affected.

‘People were stuck on rooftops surrounded by miles of water that was still rising with more rain coming,’ reported Rick, who co-ordinated MAF’s disaster response. ‘It is a heart-breaking situation. Entire village areas that were dry yesterday are now submerged.’

Survey flights tracked floodwaters and identified new areas of need. Partnering with local helicopter operator Mercy Air, MAF distributed tonnes of high-energy biscuits, provided by the World Food Programme, dropping boxes from the air into the water and onto rooftops. A total of 73 flights carried 222 passengers and transported 16 tonnes of supplies.

As the flood waters receded around Beira, a second storm, Cyclone Kenneth, hit the north of Mozambique. Coastal communities looked as though they had been ‘bulldozed’ said an aid worker on the first aerial assessment flight.

The islands of Ibo and Matemo were directly in the cyclone’s path. Rick arrived on Ibo to find many of the 15,000 islanders’ homes obliterated and 90% of others roofless.

MAF shuttled aid workers on and off the island and set up a satellite communication system to enable hundreds of aid workers to access the Internet as they distributed food, shelter and clean water, and met healthcare needs.

It was, our staff said, a privilege to serve storm struck communities in their hour of need. Give thanks that we’re ready to help whenever disaster strikes.
ARNHEM LAND Last year, former Head of MAF Scotland Ruth Jack and her husband Duncan, felt called to leave the UK to become Programme Managers in Arnhem Land, Australia. Taking their son Sam with them, they left behind their two grown-up daughters Rebekah and Sarah. Pray that Ruth, Duncan and Sam deepen their relationship with the Lord as they serve overseas and that Rebekah and Sarah, who are living in the UK, will be kept safe.

LEADERSHIP Pray for Bryan Matthews, who has recently taken on the role of General Manager for MAF Technology Services in Papua New Guinea (PNG). Bryan is from PNG and is passionate about bringing the Gospel to his people through technology. Pray that Bryan will lead his team with God-given wisdom, so that the latest technology is as far-reaching as possible.

EVANGELISM Mrs Beverly from PNG runs a Christian outreach ministry — Mother Beverly Help Ministries — which aims to share God’s Word with disadvantaged communities and bring peace and prosperity to those in need. Mrs Beverly uses audio Bibles purchased from MAF Technology Services, to share the Gospel with those who are unable to read and write. Pray that this ministry grows, and that people’s lives will be transformed by God’s Word.
EXPERTISE The MAF Disaster Response (DR) team is made up of people from all over the world who are prepared to drop everything whenever disaster occurs. Praise God for their willingness to leave family at short notice. Uphold MAF Global DR Manager John Woodberry, giving thanks for his leadership skills and for his wealth of experience in dealing with disasters.

TRUST IN GOD Thank the Lord for those serving with the DR team. Praise Him for their incredible skills, emotional resilience and absolute trust in God. Ask Him to keep the team safe when they next set off to help those affected by natural disaster.

WORLDWIDE IMPACT Give thanks that, over the course of a year, MAF has been able to help those affected by disasters such as Sulawesi’s earthquake and tsunami, the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo, flooding in Sentani, Papua, the devastation wrought by cyclones Idai and Kenneth in Mozambique, and the damage caused by PNG’s earthquakes. Praise God for the lives saved and for the huge impact that relief efforts have made to people recovering from Ebola, cyclone, earthquake or flooding.
Sauti Moja provides livestock loans for vulnerable women and widows from the Rendille and Borana tribes in northern Kenya. The women they help have lost children, husbands and livestock due to violence caused by cattle raids and competition for grazing.

Sauti Moja — which means ‘A Voice’ in Swahili — encourages women, who would otherwise be marginalised and embittered by their widowhood, to speak up for peace instead.

Building on the success of the livestock loans, the widows asked Sauti Moja to start Peace Clubs in primary schools to ensure future generations grow up challenging the conflict in their traditional culture and championing peace.

MAF flew Lyn Bishop and Tim Wright to and from Marsabit recently to monitor the progress of the peace project that they started seven years ago. They were delighted to find the community thriving. Borana and Rendille women were living together peacefully, enjoying freedom of movement, and their children attending school.

In another community, all was not well, however. News reached Lyn and Tim that two other tribes, the Morana and the Gabra, were on the brink of conflict.

So they hoped the widows would be a catalyst for peace among their neighbours, sharing what they’d learnt through the peace project.

Tim and Lyn have flown with MAF since 1998, when they used to fly supplies to Marsabit. Today, they fly on short mission trips — saving precious time travelling on the roads. ‘It’s a very safe way to travel,’ says Lyn. ‘Even though the roads are now paved, safety is always an issue. With MAF’s outstanding safety records, we feel very secure, and it enables us to do our work.’
THURSDAY | CALLED TO RESTORE

LIBERIA  Waves for Change is an organisation that uses surfing to empower young adults suffering from depression and hopelessness, following years of civil war and Liberia’s Ebola outbreak. Praise God that MAF flew the Waves for Change team, along with some surfboards, to the coastal town of Harper — saving hours of uncomfortable road travel.

ARNHEM LAND  Give thanks for the work of Support the Walk, an organisation that organises walks against domestic violence in Arnhem Land. Many MAF families took part in a 30km trek earlier this year. Pray that people suffering from domestic violence throughout the world will receive the help and support they need.

UGANDA  MAF recently flew directors of a dairy company called Nguvu, which means ‘strength’ in Swahili. The dairy employs refugees who have suffered greatly in South Sudan, improving their career prospects and providing them with Bible-based trauma counselling. Pray that the peace of God will reign in the hearts and minds of Nguvu’s employees, and that they will experience hope for a better future.
**MAF PARTNERS** We work with more than 2,000 organisations, which enable evangelism, community development, humanitarian relief, medical assistance and education. Uphold these partnerships, praying that MAF will continue enabling organisations to serve in remote and isolated communities, providing help and hope where it’s most needed.

**MEDAIR** It is 30 years this year since Medair was formed, and we’ve been partnering with them since their founding. Our flights help their staff and cargo to reach remote locations safely. Praise God for this fruitful and long-lasting partnership! Thank Him for all the lives that have been saved as a result of the many Medair medical teams flown by MAF over the past three decades.

**PAPUA** Praise God for the Yali people of Papua, Indonesia, who, thanks to United Evangelical Mission, have recently received a complete version of the Bible translated into their mother tongue. The Yali were completely cut off from the outside world until 1965, when an MAF flight first located them. Thanks to the spread of the Gospel, their once violent and cannibalistic ways have been completely transformed. Hallelujah!

**MAIN** A Yali lady holding her newly completed Bible in the Yali language  **PHOTO** Lem Malabuyo
Living knowing the phone could ring at any moment, convenient or otherwise, is a big part of an MAF pilot’s life in Timor-Leste.

Even on public holidays, birthdays and Christmas Day, a pilot and a hangar assistant are ready and waiting for a call to say there’s been a medical emergency that requires an immediate response.

One moment, Jason Job was sitting eating breakfast, looking forward to a relaxing Saturday at home — the next, he was on the way to the airport.

He needed to fly out to Atauro Island to collect a patient who’d sustained a severe head injury after falling from a tree while collecting coconuts.

Boats cannot cross from Atauro Island to the mainland during bad weather and the windy conditions made take-off more challenging and the flight bumpier than usual.

As Jason helped the conscious but heavily bandaged patient on to the plane, along with family members and nurses to care for him during the flight, he again realised how important the airstrip is for the island.

The passengers were soon on the ground again after a short 15-minute flight — Jason having the joy of knowing that a critically injured man had reached Dili, where X-ray machines, operating theatres and more advanced medical care awaited.

The chance to save a life keeps pilots like Jason flying, despite difficult circumstances and challenging weather.
COUNTRY DIRECTORS Pray for all the Country Directors of MAF programmes worldwide. Thank God that He has called them into this vital leadership role. May they be good role models for those they seek to lead and be full of wisdom as they provide strategic guidance.

MAF UK Lift up Ruth Whitaker, Chief Executive of MAF UK, as she leads her staff at MAF’s headquarters in Folkestone, Kent. Pray today for Ruth as she prayerfully seeks God’s guidance in every decision she makes.

RECRUITMENT MAF is always looking for new staff to serve overseas. The roles available are not just limited to pilots — we need aircraft maintenance engineers, HR staff, safety managers, communications officers, and many others! Pray that God will call the right people to join us, giving them the courage to serve as missionaries.
RETREAT Praise the Lord that, through generous funding, all the ladies who serve across MAF’s ten bases in PNG were able to come together for a spiritual retreat in March. The event was a huge success and enabled new friendships to blossom and time to be spent in God’s refreshing presence.

TRUE REST Home assignment is a time when staff serving overseas return to their sending country to connect with friends and family, raise additional prayer and financial support, and – most importantly – rest! Pray that staff on home assignment will find time to be with God, finding true rest in Him while they’re away from their busy programmes.

RECOVERY From time to time, overseas staff suffer from ill health, which can be much harder to treat in developing countries than it would be in the UK. To receive the treatment they need, MAF personnel often have to leave family and friends to reach better equipped hospitals or return to the UK for specialist treatment. Pray that everyone who is ill or injured makes a complete recovery.
An annual 3M mission conference was started three years ago in Madagascar by MAF and Helimission to unite the denominations and organisations reaching out to the African island’s isolated communities.

‘If you know a little bit of Malagasy church history you would know that what you see here is a miracle!’ explained a Pentecostal pastor. ‘Years ago, that would have been impossible!’

Fifty groups from several denominations shared their ongoing work and vision to fulfil the Great Commission. ‘It can be hard work to fulfil Matthew 28, but together we are stronger, and we can go further!’ Pastor Joel encouraged.

Relationships built during the conference and the knowledge that was shared over many cups of tea will make future outreaches more fruitful.

Key resources such as a database and a map were created to show the location of churches, hospitals, school projects and outreaches — helping to identify which of Madagascar’s 40,000 villages have yet to be reached.

The various missions aren’t underestimating the magnitude of the task they face. Sharing the physical and spiritual challenges in Madagascar will be hard. ‘But it is all worth it, when we see people get to know God!’ says Pastor Joel.

MAF planes and Helimission helicopters are at the service of groups wishing to fulfil the Great Commission in new, unreached areas. ‘Together with MAF,’ Pastor Joel concludes, ‘we are able to reach much further than what we could do only using the 4x4.’
All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer Acts 1:14

To hear more about how MAF uses planes to transform the lives of the world’s most isolated people, fill in the form and return it to:

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‘Fly’ with MAF from country to country to find out what it’s like to live, work and serve in some of the most isolated places on earth. Every two months, you will receive inspirational updates from our pilots, stories from the field, interesting country profiles and much more!

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MAF planes reach some of the most remote people on earth. People who are cut off from the outside world by mountains, deserts or jungles. Individuals without basic essentials because of disaster or war. Communities with no access to medical care, food, education or the Gospel.

For many people to receive what we in the UK regard as everyday necessities, they would need to walk for hours, days — even weeks. But our aircraft reduce the journey time for remote and inaccessible people to a matter of minutes — saving time and lives.

For nearly 75 years, MAF has been reaching some of the world’s most isolated areas. Today, we serve 27 developing countries with 131 light aircraft. Our planes have changed over the decades, but our purpose remains the same — to see hard-to-reach people physically and spiritually transformed in Jesus’ name.

MAF is an ongoing story full of adventure, of lives being saved, and of God’s amazing provision and protection. We need your help to reach more isolated people. Make MAF a part of your story today; for more information about our pilots, partners and planes, please visit our website at www.maf-uk.org

We would love you to partner with us in prayer for the sake of those we serve. Why not fill in the form on the inside of this diary and become part of what God is doing through MAF?

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