



## Alistair and Anna Youren in South Sudan

3000 flights for MAF God has kept me and whilst it wasn't always easy, I've always been kept safe. Likewise, for Anna and the kids, in everything they've done God has kept them and whilst there have been some hairy moments, we've always known God's protection.

As I think back on some of the flights I've done there are some that stand out - some for the right reasons, like turning around in the cruise to see a sea of smiling faces, relieved missionaries on their way to some much needed holiday or seeing the airstrip lined with people as you bring a load of Bibles or vaccines or a team of evangelists to do outreach, and some flights for the wrong reasons, like the gunshot victim brought to the aircraft that you pray won't die during the flight or hearing the sound of gunfire as you open the door after landing and the sight of people fleeing for safety. But through all of this, that sense of thankfulness is what stands out - 'thank you Lord for letting us be a part of this work, of your work, to reach the furthest corners and the most isolated people'. It's been hot and sweaty and stressful and at times has brought us to tears but it's been a privilege.

We don't know what is in store for us next - other than the arrival of the baby in just a few short weeks, after that it's unknown (to us). MAF very graciously give us a 3 month re-settlement period so we need to have something sorted by the beginning of March. At this point we don't know what I will do for work or where we will live in the longer term but we know God is faithful and we trust that it will become clear in due course. Our prayer is that God will lay something else on our hearts and clearly show us what to do next.

We look forward to sharing news with you in a few weeks when the baby arrives and will be in touch again before we officially leave MAF to hopefully share more about our future plans,

Thank you as always for continuing to uphold us in prayer and support us. We truly feel blessed to be partnering with you in this ministry and thank God for you.

With love,

Alistair, Anna, Nathanael, Talitha and Faith

