



SPRING, 2024 NEWSLETTER



THE TRIALS OF LIFE IN LIBERIA

We have always tried hard to share honestly about our life on the mission field, but it can be tempting to sweep some of the harder bits under the rug. We love to share the positive impact stories, the amazing moments, even the funny stories of doing life cross-culturally, and all the weird and wonderful misunderstandings that can bring.

But honestly? Life has felt like an uphill struggle in the last couple of months, and we are finding things very difficult. MAF is aware, and supporting us in it all, but it's your continued prayers that have kept us on our feet, and we are so thankful for your support.



February was an intensely hot & humid month, with temperatures always above 30 & humidity over 80% in the hangar.

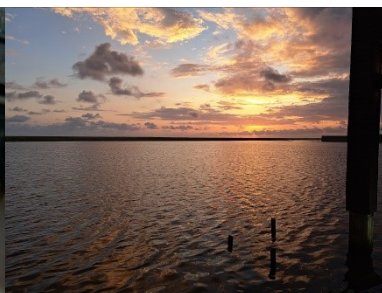
Dave is now the only engineer based in Liberia, looking after three planes, along with his other job roles within MAF.



Corrosion is a never ending battle, with both planes and cars succumbing to incredible degrees of rust. Running a car is costly.

Finding fresh fruit & veg is a real challenge—this mouldy cauliflower was for sale for over \$10 per head. It makes it hard to eat healthily.

Despite the challenges, we are so thankful for the blessings we see everyday—from homemade ice cream, to papaya from the garden, to the most beautiful sunsets. We are still smiling, and seeing God's goodness through each and every hardship.



JOIN THE ADVENTURE

Thank you for your ongoing thoughts and prayers!

PRAY...

- For good health, energy and enthusiasm as we do our work in Liberia.
- For Dave, as he travels around America for a couple of weeks for some essential training and meeting with MAF engineering staff.
- For Becky, as she is alone in Liberia for that time.

PRAISE...

- We are thankful for the first taste of refreshing rain after a very hot and dry season.
- For good health, and quick recovery from any little bugs we've picked up. We have stayed in very good health in general while in Liberia.
- For finishing a huge maintenance project, allowing MAF to keep flying in Liberia.

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OUR LIVES IN LIBERIA



TEAM WORK

One of our great victories in Liberia has been to put in place a Memorandum of Understanding between MAF and Samaritan's Purse (SP). Both organisations operate Cessna Caravans in this country, and both do amazing work transporting essential supplies & personnel around the country, as well as spreading the gospel message. With the right paperwork in place, we're able to borrow the SP engineers, and vice versa, to help out on their aircraft when the need arises as a lack of engineers is always a problem! It's so good having this partnership, to work together so we can all be more effective in our ministries.

MAF IN ACTION—STORIES FROM THE FIELD

MAF's work in Liberia is high-impact, saving our partners days of travel as they bring help, hope and healing to the people living in places hard to reach by road. Here are just a few stories from the many people we've flown recently:

- Rev Emmanuel K Zabay Sr flew with special guests to an Assemblies of God conference in the south of Liberia (pictured). Leaders attended from many churches in rural areas, and were encouraged and refreshed by the teaching of a speaker who was on the flight. Instead of needing time for recovery after a long and arduous car journey, the conference could begin the day the flight arrived. *"MAF Liberia service is fast and safe, we rely on MAF service for help and we enjoy the quick response from the team,"* Rev Zabay said. *"The light is shining in dark places because of MAF's vision."*
- The selling of bush meat is a big problem in Liberia, with chimpanzees, monkeys, elephants and other protected species often killed for food. We were recently able to fly Comfort Davies, a former seller of bush meat, and Peaches Cumme, awareness and ecotourism officer at the Forestry Development Authority, on a mission to educate local women about the importance of Liberia's diverse animal life. *"If it was not for MAF, it would be difficult to get rid of bush meat selling within Liberia,"* Peaches said.
- On a recent trip with MAF, Rev Wellington Greene was able to train local church leaders, and share the gospel message. *"Twenty-two people said they wanted to accept Christ and, based on the time available, we were able to baptise 16 people... Souls got saved in Zwedru, because of MAF."*



LOVELY LADIES

I started leading a ladies Bible study group within Liberia in September, 2023, taking over from the previous leader who has now transitioned back to the United States. For the last few weeks, the women have been working through my latest book, *No Mountain Immovable*, exploring the chapter of Hebrews 11 in the Bible. Each week we enjoy some coffee and cake together, and then spend a bit of time sharing what's been going on in our lives and any prayer requests. We then pray together, before opening our Bibles and discussing what we find there. It's an amazing time of refreshing for us all every Thursday morning.



Can You Join the Adventure?

Our work in Liberia is funded by individuals, churches and other groups giving sacrificially each month, and we simply wouldn't be here if it wasn't for that amazing generosity. If you would like to join our team of supporters, you can make a monthly or a one-off donation on our page on the MAF website:

www.maf-uk.org/waterman

Thank you for joining us on this adventure. Though it's not always easy, knowing we have such a great group of people thinking of and praying for us, day in and day out, really keeps us going. We love you, and appreciate you so much!

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