



## A photo update from the Feils



John was asked to go to Guinea in West Africa in February to help set up operations for our newest MAF programme. After a thirty hour trip to Conakry, John got stuck in sorting through booking enquiries, setting up shuttle routes, putting in place check in processes and organising airstrip checks.

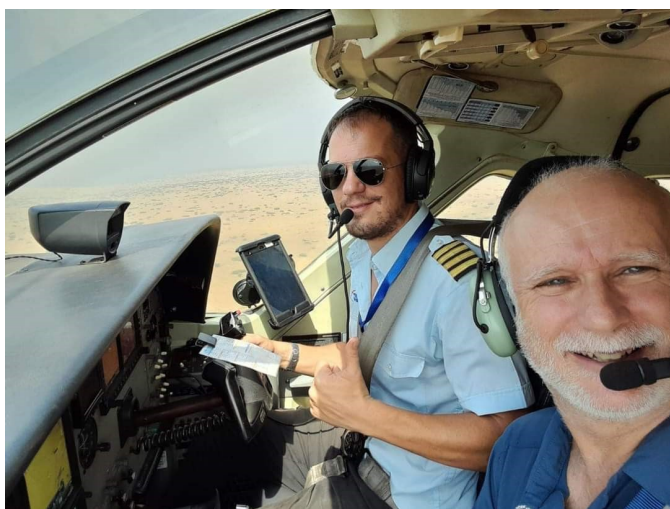
He also got to join Captain Dave Forney on a flight to collect these ladies from a medical mission. John was able to help bridge the gap in operations for a few weeks and enjoyed his insight into this new program where there is demand for flights and significant need in this predominantly Muslim country. Please pray for the small MAF team in Guinea as this program gets flying.





Meanwhile, at **Juba Christian Academy** it was performance time! Children worked hard to learn lines, sing and play drums to tell the story of Tuishi Pamoja (Let's live together!). This is a fitting story for South Sudan - a country with different people groups who aren't always living peaceably as neighbours. Children finished the performance with a beautiful rendition of The Blessing sung in Swahili. We so appreciated the tech team at Watoto Church for hosting us and serving all our technical needs. This term, Lydia has also started as a new teacher and we are so thankful for her. This means one of our part-time teachers has stepped down to work on other things - God's perfect timing for her.

On Fridays and Saturdays through March, Tracey is one of 14 people training as a facilitator for peace and reconciliation workshops - this means she will be able to take on more of the teaching when supporting the MAF team on their outreach around the country. Alongside her South Sudanese team mates she is preparing lessons and role play ready to lead a workshop for the first time on Friday 24th and Saturday 25th March in Juba. Please pray for the team as we prepare and for the workshop - for clear messages and open hearts.



## Two very different flights...

1. The Ops phone rings in the evening. John listens closely, asks questions. A BodaBoda accident has resulted in a man with a badly broken leg. John brings up wingman and schedules a flight for the following day then rings to check the pilot (who was expecting a day off) can be available at short notice. Pilot Reuben happily agrees to help out and the man is flown to Juba for treatment the next day. Being able to provide medevacs is so essential when medical facilities across the country can be difficult to access.

2. John joined Pilot Ide on a flight North with some conservationists MAF has worked with quite closely over the last few years. There have been reports of rhino sightings in this area of South Sudan. The team spent two days meeting with the community to find out more about what had been seen and to ask them for help in collecting evidence such as tracks or dung.



We would love to see you in person if you can make it to the church services.

Amphill Baptist Church live stream their services and they are also available to watch after the event on their YouTube channel.

<https://www.amphillbaptist.org.uk/services>

Our UK 2023 speaking engagements are as follows:

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| <b>Tuesday 11th April</b>   | Fellowship Lunch at Amphill Baptist Church                                  |
| <b>Sunday 16th April</b>    | 10.45am Sunday Worship at Amphill Baptist Church followed by a Church lunch |
| <b>Sunday 23rd April</b>    | 10.30am Sunday Worship at Whaddon Way Church, Bletchley                     |
| <b>Tuesday 25th April</b>   | Assembly at St Thomas More Secondary School, Bedford                        |
| <b>Wednesday 26th April</b> | Assembly at Christ the Sower Primary School, Milton Keynes                  |
| <b>Thursday 4th May</b>     | Assembly at Steeple Claydon Primary School 7pm                              |
| <b>Thursday 4th May</b>     | Cranfield University Christian Union  |
| <b>Friday 5th May</b>       | Friday Club (Youth event) at Amphill Baptist Church                         |

We are very busy getting ready to come to the UK on our partnership visit. We are hoping the snow will have melted and springtime will have blossomed! We are looking forward to seeing as many supporters as possible. We would appreciate prayer as we continue to make plans and for our travel arrangements ( we fly Monday 27 March and return Sunday 14 May). We are so thankful for provision of a vehicle to use during our seven week trip. Please pray for our speaking engagements: we are excited to share the stories of what God is doing here through MAF. We will speak at schools, in churches, at a university Christian Union and at events for senior citizens so our stories will reach every generation and we hope this will be an encouragement to many. We also have medical check ups, a visit to the team at MAF UK and some time together with family. We hope to see many of you too!



RAIN! After weeks of temperatures well into the 40s and a minimum overnight temperature of 29 degrees, we are so delighted to have our first rains. Deng - the word for rain - also means blessing. And rain does bless the dry and scorched land. But it can also bring devastation. Please continue to pray for those affected by flooding. Pray for the planting season - for rain at the right time. This year's lean season from April- July is expected to be the worst in the country's history for food insecurity. As organisations continue to support communities, pray with us that MAF can be the 'donkey' and get the help where it is needed most.



**Christmas flashback!** Sarah loved her visit to Juba and we loved having her here. A great opportunity to see Juba from the Nile too.

We hope you've found this photo update helpful. Normal prayer letter service will resume after our partnership visit!

Thanks for your prayers and giving which enables us to serve with MAF here. We look forward to thanking you in person very soon.  
with our love and gratitude,

Tracey

John