

**July 2023** 



### First of all, thank you.

We both just want to say a massive thank you to everyone who's been supporting us on this journey. We would not be here if it wasn't for the kindness, generosity and prayers of so many of you. If you want any more information about what we're doing in Scotland, any encouragement for either of us or want to get involved with MAF in any other ways please let us know!

Apologies it's taken us a good few months to get this newsletter out to you, we really appreciate your patience with us and your continued support.

Tim and Alice Dingwall xx

Here is a link to our official MAF page! Please feel free to pass it onto anyone you think would like to follow our journey or anyone you think may want to be involved in giving financially.

#### www.maf-uk.org/dingwall



'The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.'

Psalm 23:1-3

## What's been happening?

We have had a very exciting few months! From fundraising in Cambridge and Irthlingborough to making the move up to Perth, Scotland. We've done a sponsored walk, talked to many amazing supporters and found a new home in Methven... even joining in the local annual duck race.

Tim has started his training at the college and got some very cool photo ops in the hanger. The units he has been doing include maths, physics, electric fundamentals and most recently human factors. So far each module has been about a week, followed by an exam. This can either be practical, multiple choice or an essay.













#### What we are thankful for...

An amazing team of movers who got us up here leaving with us at 6am on Good Friday.

Incredible spaces locally where we can appreciate nature and go for beautiful walks with each other and God.

We both feel we had a period of good period of rest when we first arrived where we were able to strengthen our relationship as well as nurture new relationships we are building here.

How much God has provided along this journey so far, He's provided a beautiful flat that allows guinea pigs(!), a wonderful, welcoming church family who have connected us straight away, and specifically a couple in the village (Mike and Tori) who've been amazing at integrating us into the community in Perth.

Alice has also had the opportunity to volunteer at a horse ranch nearby which she has loved during this period of waiting for work!

We've also got settled into a really lovely church with some fantastically welcoming people who live in our village.







## How can you be praying for us...

Tim has started his course at Air Service Training (or AST). He has had his first few exams and these are happening quite fast at the moment (every 1-2 weeks). Please pray for clarity as he revises and consolidates what he's been learning.

Alice has found a job after the job she thought she'd secured up here fell through. Please pray for a starting date to come through soon and for her to settle into the new role smoothly. She will be working in the community as a specialist children's nurse. This will involve going into schools, homes and nurseries teaching teachers and parents how to manage children's chronic conditions in the community - so slightly different to her previous emergency department job!

# How you can be praying for MAF...

A smooth transition for the new CEO at MAF UK. He has asked us to pass on a message from him!



Hi. My name is Donovan Palmer and I became the new Chief Executive Officer for MAF UK last month. My background is that started my international career in Youth With A Mission and after having held a number of roles, moved into the international development space. A few highlights of my work has involved working in Central Asia, pioneering a hospital ship for Mercy Ships and then eventually becoming the CEO. I suppose this international background is very much a reflection of our family. I am dual national US and British citizen who was born in Colorado and married a wonderful friend and life partner Mae, a wonderful woman of Danish decent. We have had three children and have lived much of our adult lives based out of Hertfordshire, just north of London.

Moving from my career of 'ships' to planes, it is a privilege to continue the great work that Ruth Whitaker has been involved with over the last 16 years. I hope to meet the needs and challenges we face moving forward while bringing new ideas and creativity to the way we do that. Having just celebrated MAFs 75th anniversary, there are conversations going on about what MAF might look like at 100 years old. I'm sure there will be unchangeable elements that we will want to preserve and cherish. Yet, some things will invariably look a bit different as the world continues to change.

I look forward to supporting all our overseas staff. I want to thank you especially for your prayers, generous gifts and encouragement of Alice and Tim over the months they have served with MAF. You are a vital partner without whom the work we are doing, to bring help, hope and healing to remote communities around the world, could not be achieved. We value you and your willingness to contribute.

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#### **MAF International**

For peace and wisdom for pilots at MAF sitting their final exams this week

Rejoice with MAF as medical supplies are reaching a rural community in Papua

New Guinea thanks to a new logistical team

For new pilots and aeroplane engineers who are about to be placed in countries for the first time.

For new believers to grow in faith and develop into all God wants them to be.

Pray for peace in countries where there is unrest both political and spiritual