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Pray for Madagascar

In this issue, our regular Beyond isolation feature (pages 10-12) highlights the MAF Madagascar programme, which is illustrated by the images above.

Please pray for our staff, partners and passengers in this country, and — above all — the isolated people in remote communities whose lives are transformed by your support for MAF flights.

Thank you.

Richard Chambers
Editor, *Flying for Life*



Wherever you see this symbol, it indicates a flight where MAF responded to a problem caused by the climate crisis, or transported a partner who supports creation care.

 Paula Alderblad



The test of time

It's my pleasure and privilege to introduce myself to *Flying for Life* readers as MAF UK's new Chief Executive.

My previous posts include working for Mercy Ships and Youth With a Mission — more commonly known as YWAM — and, most recently, Chief Strategy Officer for the anti-slavery NGO Hope For Justice.

In my teens, I was deeply impacted and inspired by MAF's story.

The commitment of its staff, bringing together faith and professionalism to operate aircraft in some of the most difficult to reach places in the world, is a unique and extraordinary legacy that has stood the test of time.

World leaders have warned that — without concerted action to reach the most vulnerable and isolated communities — the 2030 global poverty goals will not be met.

MAF is at the heart of this worldwide response to a broken planet. I feel privileged to serve in this exciting season where we'll be pressing ahead into the future and seeing even more lives transformed.

Thank you for the immense support you give to MAF through your prayers and gifts — not least the tremendous response to our fuel appeal prior to Christmas.

Donovan Palmer
Chief Executive, MAF UK



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- Destination
- ⊕ MAF base
- 👤 Refugee settlement



MAF is a lovely organisation doing great work in Uganda.



Royal ascent

STORY GARY CLAYTON / PHOTOS DAMALIE HIRWA

In October 2022, MAF had the privilege of flying Princess Anne to visit exciting and innovative projects supporting refugees in Uganda

HRH The Princess Royal (pictured above and below) is no stranger to MAF, having flown with us in Bangladesh in 2016 in the wake of Cyclone Roanu.

A year later, she attended an MAF event in Edinburgh where people used a virtual reality headset to experience our work.

The four-day Uganda trip enabled Princess Anne and her husband Sir Timothy Laurence to fly from Kajjansi to Mbarara by MAF aircraft – saving them an arduous 7½-hour trip overland. Sir Timothy described our organisation as ‘very impressive’.

At Nakivale Refugee Camp – the oldest refugee settlement in Africa and home to some 122,000 displaced people – the Princess officially opened a new branch of the first bank ever to operate in a refugee camp.

The financial initiative, which was established by Opportunity International in 2019, has already granted around 1,000 loans to refugees. It’s enabled more than 3,800 people to open a bank account, and provided 6,900 of the camp’s residents with financial training.

Opportunity International UK CEO Nana Francois later commented, ‘We are hugely grateful for MAF’s support as it saved hours of travel time, allowing the Princess Royal to spend more time meeting our clients and seeing the life-changing impact of our work.’

The next day, we again saved the royal party precious hours by transporting them to Masika River Airstrip so they could visit people in Kyangwali Refugee Camp.

While there, the Princess attended Save the Children Uganda’s ‘catch-up club’, which provided a vital educational lifeline during the coronavirus pandemic.

She also toured a ‘Child Friendly Space’ run by Save the Children, supporting vulnerable youngsters forced to flee from the devastating conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Kate Airey OBE, British High Commissioner to Uganda, who not only flew with us but helped facilitate the royal tour, later said, ‘It has been such a help to have MAF’s support on this important visit. They are a lovely organisation doing great work in Uganda.’

Ruth arrives in Timor-Leste

STORY RICHARD CHAMBERS / PHOTOS LOBITOS ALVES

MAF flew a team from KuLIT and Wycliffe Timor-Leste to deliver the book of Ruth in the Mambae translation to the Christian community in Same



Out of the 25 languages in Timor-Leste, Mambae is the second most spoken.

Approximately 12.5% of the population speaks Mambae across the 5 municipalities of Aileu, Ainaro, Ermera, Liquiçá and Manufahi.

Naomi, a pastor from the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Timor-Leste in Same, says, 'We are thankful to God for giving His wisdom to the team that translated the book of Ruth.'

'We are also grateful to MAF for flying our pastors from Dili to Same. Even though the weather was challenging, the MAF pilot carried our pastors successfully to Same to do the activity.'

MAF Pilot Nick Hitchins, who flew the plane on this special day, recalls that, 'On our way to Same, it was pretty quiet because we flew over the mountains. However, we experienced turbulence when we

flew across Maubisse. We stayed in Same for around half an hour while the books were distributed.'

'We have flown with MAF aircraft many times,' says Pastor Carlos Marcal of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Timor-Leste.

'Last year, we flew with MAF to deliver the book of Mark in the Tetun language to the people in Maliana. We hope that we will be able to translate the book of Mark into Mambae soon, so that more people can read the Gospel in their mother tongue.'

'We are grateful to MAF for carrying out their mission in Timor-Leste to evacuate sick people from rural areas to the national hospital in Dili,' he concludes, 'and also carry missionaries like us to deliver the Gospel.'

'We pray God's blessings on MAF's ministry in Timor-Leste.'

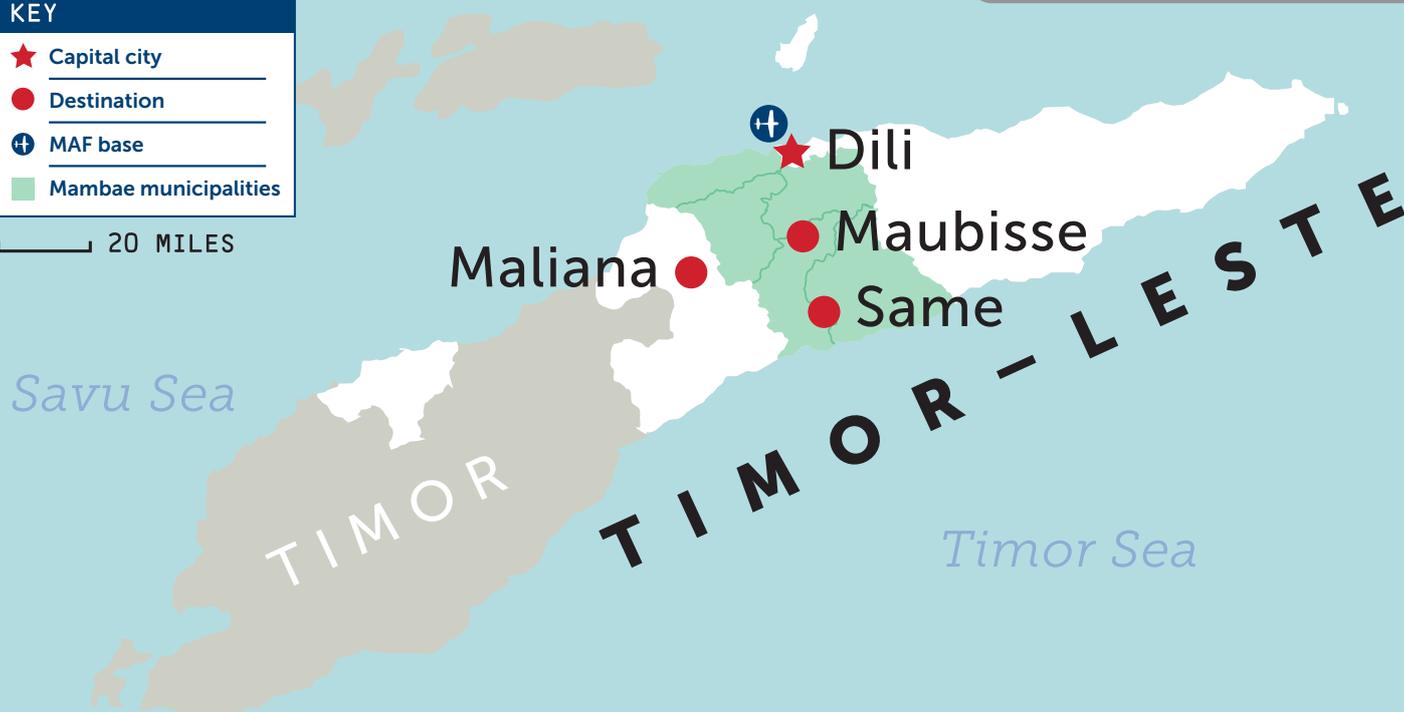


PLEASE PRAY

– for more men, women and children to receive Bibles in their own language.

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■	Mambae municipalities

20 MILES





'May God bless their hands'

STORY CLAIRE GILDERSON



SCAN ME
TO READ
MORE



It's a miracle Nepao is alive! While working under his house in remote Pyarulama, stilts holding up his home give way on top of him

Houses in rural Papua New Guinea are built on stilts. The shady area underneath is a good place to work out of the sun.

Nepao (pictured left) is cutting wood under his house when it suddenly collapses on top of him. Large fireplace stones from the floor above fall onto his chest and a beam breaks his leg.

A health worker raises the alarm — an MAF aircraft is on its way.

The 12-minute medevac saves his life.

A&E in the middle of nowhere

Nepao is admitted to Kompiam Hospital under Dr Diana Zwijnenburg (pictured overleaf).

'He's badly injured and barely conscious,' says Diana. 'I'm concerned about a skull fracture because there's blood coming from his ear.'

Fortunately, ultrasound reveals there are no collapsed lungs or major pelvic fractures.

The next day, although Nepao is fully conscious, bruising on his lungs starts to cause breathing problems. Diana is worried.

'Stones falling from a two-metre height are bound to cause damage, but I can't find any broken ribs.'

Over the next 24 hours, Nepao's health deteriorates. He's fighting for breath and urgently needs a ventilator, but a ventilator in the bush is much less sophisticated than in the West.

They pray for a miracle and Nepao stabilises, but he needs 24-hour care — a concept unfamiliar to the nurses.

'I discuss the importance of one nurse being with Nepao at all times,' Diana explains, 'but I realise most of them don't know what to watch out for or what to do in case of a problem.'

With every staff changeover, Diana patiently repeats how to care for Nepao.

Everything is harder in the bush

Many of the hospital staff have never treated a patient with such serious injuries, so Diana begins their training. Further complications include scarce supplies and chaotic roads.

'We're going to run out of oxygen bottles,' says Diana. 'Normally we get new supplies, but the road is blocked due to election violence.'

'We're also running out of bandages, gauzes and other medication.'

In the meantime, Diana is concerned about Nepao's quality of care.

'I need to change his syringe constantly due to some drugs not working properly. Most of our drugs are either out of date or out of stock.'



Annelie Edsmyr



Annelie Edsmyr



Diana Zwijnenburg



Diana Zwijnenburg



Diana has no choice but to sedate Nepao into a much deeper state of sleep so he can tolerate the ventilator until his lungs are strong enough to breathe on their own.

This latest sedative runs out more quickly than the previous one so, every four hours, his syringe needs to be changed.

Two days later, Diana tries again to wean him off the ventilator. After connecting oxygen to the end of his breathing tube, Nepao's breathing gradually improves.

'I take the breathing tube out,' says Diana. 'He's on his own. Two hours later, Nepao opens his eyes. Initially confused, he tries to stand on his good leg but is coaxed back to bed. We remove his feeding tube and he's able to eat. God has done it!'

Two months after admission, Nepao is discharged from hospital and flown back home.

'Thanks to MAF airlifting me and the work of hospital staff, I'm finally leaving this place!' he exclaims. 'May God bless their hands.'



2 DAYS
IF NEPAO'S FRIENDS
HAD CARRIED HIM BY
STRETCHER



12 MINUTES
FOR MAF TO MEDEVAC HIM
TO KOMPIAM HOSPITAL

'This and the continuous supervision of his care has also become very tiring. One night, I found both nurses asleep with nobody watching Nepao. This was quickly rectified and it didn't happen again.'

Slow road to recovery

On day five, it appears that Nepao may be able to breathe by himself without a ventilator. Diana is pleased with his progress.

'We get our equipment ready and stop the sedation. We wait three hours – Nepao starts to breathe again, but not enough to support himself. The effects of the drugs are unpredictable, so I put him back on the ventilator with a different sedative.'

When it comes to weaning the patient off a ventilator, a western one automatically synchronises with the patient's breathing pattern as the sedative is gradually reduced. But this 'bush' ventilator (pictured top right) is unable to do that.



Diana Zwijnenburg

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More than just a job: it's a call to service

STORY JO LAMB

Development and Support Manager Sam Baguma assumed that MAF only needed pilots. A decade-long career has proved this chartered accountant wrong!

Sam (pictured top right with wife Abby and family) grew up ten minutes from an airstrip in the foothills of Uganda's Rwenzori Mountains.

He has known MAF pilots, partners and flight paths for as long as he can remember.

Sam's early years were guided by his father's duties as an Anglican priest, and his mother's passion for teaching. Privileged to receive a good education and follow his father's ministry across Africa, Sam has grown up with a heart for mission and a mindset for business.

'But when I found myself on a squash court with some MAF pilots in Kenya who had become my best friends,' Sam recalls, 'I brushed off their suggestion of joining MAF. I wasn't a pilot — so what use could I possibly be?'

Reminded of his father's advice to 'use the gifts God gives you to impact the world', Sam secured an eight-month finance role with MAF Uganda in 2012.

Eight months have become more than a decade — spanning multiple roles, including Chad's Country Director.



Mark & Kelly Hewes

Now overseeing Development and Support Management across MAF's East Africa region, Sam regularly sits in Ugandan government departments, championing our exceptional safety systems, which set an example across the industry.

In his hugely varied role, Sam also supports MAF's Disaster Response Team, advises on legal matters and cultivates strategic relationships — his most recent (pictured right) being featured on page 4!

'MAF is so respected,' Sam explains, 'that we were granted special permission to fly during the pandemic. Our services are considered invaluable. To me, it's a true witness that MAF



Damalie Hirwa

demonstrates excellence and professionalism in all we do.'

For Sam, it is crucial that strategy and service are at the heart of all he does.

'I have satisfaction when I use my gifts,' he says, 'and anyone with a skill to offer and a heart to serve should consider MAF. I can see the wider contribution I am making — MAF enables so much incredible work across the mission field that it really is very rewarding.'

Working for MAF is more than just a job

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www.maf-uk.org/journey or
phone **01303 852819**

Beyond isolation: Madagascar

STORY RICHARD CHAMBERS

Flying for Life's featured programme this spring is MAF Madagascar. Our aircraft have been operational on the world's fourth largest island since 1989, serving a population highly vulnerable to natural disasters

Famed for its extraordinary ecosystems and wildlife, approximately 90% of Madagascar's flora and fauna exists nowhere else on our planet.

A similar percentage of its people belong to the native Malagasy ethnic group. Emerging from French rule in 1960, the country was known as the Malagasy Republic until 1975.

Despite a wealth of natural resources and a tourism industry with colossal potential, Madagascar is a desperately poor country where people are reliant for their survival on foreign aid.

Political instability — including a military coup as recently as 2009 — has been as destructive as the cyclones, floods and droughts that regularly ravage its landscape and population.

Since the end of 2020, the vast majority of news stories emanating from the island stem from the catastrophic drought which has left millions threatened by starvation.

Open arms

Since 2004, Younghuem Ohm has been coming to Madagascar from Korea to train pastors.

However, in May 2022, he ended up assisting with the drought situation. 'Food distribution, church building, installing water tanks — basically, anything we could do.'

Younghuem co-ordinates a Bible distribution project run by Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar (FJKM).

Last summer, MAF flew an FJKM team to Fianarantsoa to distribute Bibles that had been translated into Malagasy. In addition to selling 2,000 of these eagerly anticipated copies of God's Word, 12 teams of evangelists went into Fianarantsoa.



'The people were all very happy to know that it is possible to have a Bible in their native language,' said FJKM team member Larry Clyde, 'so they welcomed us with open arms!'

The only way is MAF

Radiologist Catherine Grierson first heard about MAF in the 1990s, when she was in Zimbabwe.

On her first visit to Madagascar in 2014, she flew with us. 'MAF was very kind looking after me,' she smiles, 'they were all just really great.'

Catherine continues to fly with us in her role as a Friends of Mandritsara Trust volunteer — teaching hospital staff how to use medical imaging.

On a recent flight, she was accompanied by Bible translator Debbie Simpson who works with a team in Mandritsara translating the Bible into the Tsimihety dialect.

The last time Debbie travelled the 350 miles from the capital Antananarivo to Mandritsara, she went by *taxi-brousse* (bush taxi).

It took 50 hours and there were 2 breakdowns because the road was in such a bad state, due to terrible weather conditions.

'But,' says Debbie, 'even on a good day — when you don't have any breakdowns — it takes at least 24 hours. The road is horrendous!'

MAF is the only way to go.'

Catherine and Debbie are hugely grateful to MAF for flying them to and from Mandritsara over the years.

'It's quite isolated there, you know,' Debbie concludes. 'If you're ever in trouble there or need to fly back to Antananarivo urgently, MAF just comes and helps in the flick of a switch. Wonderful work!'

'We will see you soon'

The Malagasy Lutheran Church (FLM) was established in Madagascar in 1950, and continues to expand the work started back then by missionaries.

At FLM, evangelism in rural areas goes hand in hand with development work. Alongside three large farm schools, FLM runs training programmes for those living in poverty — helping to improve their agricultural practices.

The ultimate aim is to develop people's innate talents, improving the lives of everyone in their community and generating sufficient revenue on which to live independently.

'We would like to thank everyone at MAF for their work,' says FLM's Alfred Rasamimanana, 'as we save a lot of travel time by flying. We will see you soon for our next flights.'

KEY

- ★ Capital city
- Destination
- ✈ MAF base



90%
OF MADAGASCAR'S
FLORA AND FAUNA
EXISTS NOWHERE
ELSE ON OUR PLANET



MADAGASCAR TIMELINE

- **1960**
Independence from France
- **1975**
First survey, MAF applications unsuccessful due to political unrest
- **1985**
Second survey, MAF applications received
- **1988**
MAF Madagascar programme begins
- **1989**
Twin-engined Partenavia Victor P68C aircraft arrives for mountain flying
- **2003**
Cessna 208 replaces P68C, hangar altered to accommodate it
- **2006**
MAF invites HoverAid to partner from Antananarivo base
- **2008**
Second C208 arrives
- **2011**
Political unrest decreases demand, one C208 redeployed to MAF in the DRC
- **2012**
Cessna 182 SMA introduced due to demand for a smaller aircraft
- **2016**
Second C182 SMA joins the fleet
Madagascar Medical Safari flights reach over 8,000 patients
- **2023**
MAF Madagascar celebrates 34 years flying 'Beyond isolation'



The pain and hunger of isolation

STORY RICHARD CHAMBERS / PHOTOS RYAN UNGER

Ampasinambo is a small village located on Madagascar's eastern coast. The nearest community is another village, Ambavanisahavato — more than 60 miles, or a two-day car journey, away

To be able to bring help, hope and healing to people in this extremely remote area, MAF Madagascar opened an airstrip in 2009, which is now mainly used for medical safaris and occasional medevacs.

One recent safari saw a HoverAid team of medical professionals (pictured below left) — including a surgeon, surgical assistant, surgical nurse, general practitioner, sonographer and ophthalmologists — boarding an MAF Cessna Caravan at Antananarivo's International Airport.

Forty-five minutes later, grateful villagers (pictured below right) helped to carry medicine and equipment to Ampasinambo's hospital compound, where the volunteer medical team would spend four nights.

At 8pm that evening, a police officer brought a man with bleeding head wounds to the team. He and two other men had been caught burgling a house.

Injured in the process of being apprehended, the intruder needed immediate medical care. His wounds were expertly stitched before he was placed into custody to await trial.

Despite this drama, HoverAid Project Co-ordinator

Maholinirianaarijaona Sidonie Tatiana reported that the village was quieter than during their previous visits.

'Life has become more and more difficult in Ampasinambo. Since July last year, the villagers have begun to suffer the consequences of Cyclone Batsirai. They don't have rice because all the rice fields were destroyed the previous February.'

As expected, the HoverAid team had a busy four days.

A ten-year-old boy with suspected spina bifida was told he would need to be flown to the capital for a thorough diagnosis. Due to severe ascites, a man named Lambert needed seven pints of fluid drained from his abdomen to reduce distension.

Rafale, a two-year-old girl suffering from severe malnutrition, was brought in by her mother and grandmother. Totally dehydrated and weighing only 2.5kg, she was immediately given a drip solution of vitamins and antibiotics.

Rafale and her mother stayed at the hospital under the watchful eye of the health manager until the girl's condition improved.



PLEASE PRAY

– for MAF safaris bringing relief to people suffering from climate disaster, famine and bad health.



An unforgettable experience

Head of MAF in the Community Kevin Crook is on a mission to convince every *Flying for Life* reader to invite an MAF speaker to their part of the world

As far as I'm concerned, there are three types of *Flying for Life* reader.

Firstly, there is the person who has already enjoyed the unforgettable experience of hearing an MAF volunteer talk to his or her group about the outstanding work of our people and planes.

Secondly, there's the reader who's aware that MAF speakers exist, but is yet to take advantage of an inspirational free event at the venue of their choice.

Finally, there's the newcomer — someone who's picked up *Flying for Life* for the first or second time and only now realises what a unique and exciting opportunity lies within their grasp.

To all three types of reader I say, 'Book an MAF speaker today!'

Whether your group is big or small, new to the joys of MAF or looking forward to hearing what's new since the last time we visited you, we are waiting for your call.

We can say with great confidence that you'll be delighted you made the effort!

Across the UK and Ireland, more than 100 speakers are ready and willing to come to your town or — if you prefer — to 'meet' with you online.

Through these marvellous volunteers, you'll connect with people thousands of miles away whose lives are changing for the better because of our Gospel mission.

There's no cost involved. We just want you to welcome an MAF speaker to attend whatever meeting or event is most appropriate.

In this issue of *Flying for Life*, there's a special flyer providing contact details for your nearest speaker. So please talk to your group leader or church minister about MAF, because there's never been a better time to welcome us to your town.

If for some reason, you don't have your flyer or you need further information about booking an MAF speaker, please phone Allyson Edwards on **01303 852811**

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'I love working for MAF!'
The need for speed

STORY ADAM POPE

Stewart Ayling moved to Tanzania in 2011 with his wife Michelle and their three children Jack, Harry and Robyn.

He'd previously worked in motor racing for many years — Touring Cars, the Le Mans 24-hour race and, finally, as part of Jaguar's Formula 1 team.

When God called the Ayling family to serve with MAF, Stewart began to use his skills and experience in a wide variety of roles, from handling hazardous materials to operations management.

Today, as Country Director for MAF Tanzania, he leads a team of seven international and national staff. Stewart is also a fantastic photographer and often uses social media to showcase the beauty of the country that is now his home.

MAF's work in Tanzania largely takes the form of medical safaris. These involve flying teams of doctors, dentists and other medical

staff quickly and safely to remote communities to meet the needs of local people — men, women and children who would otherwise remain isolated from healthcare.

The result of MAF's 46-year service in Tanzania is that many living in pain and discomfort receive relief, lives are saved, and our Christian staff are able to share their faith.

If you would like to join Stewart's team of partners by agreeing to support him through prayer or finance, please visit www.maf-uk.org/ayling and follow the links



FACT FILE

IN 2021

619,000 people died of malaria

76% of them were children under 5

95% of global cases occurred in the Africa Region. Four countries accounted for almost half of all global cases (Nigeria 27%, DRC 12%, Uganda 5% Mozambique 4%)

Spread of malaria increases due to global warming

SCAN ME TO READ MORE



Fighting malaria

STORY JO LAMB

The World Health Organisation’s recent malaria report stated that ‘gaps in access to equitable and quality care remain an important challenge to malaria prevention’

With thousands of communities still without access to any medical care, this is where MAF comes in.

World Malaria Day on 25 April falls on the cusp of a worldwide vaccine rollout, and MAF aircraft are ready and waiting to speed this vital medicine to the hardest-to-reach places.

As we approach this breakthrough moment in global health, MAF UK is focusing on the hidden places and untold stories behind the disease which kills more people than any specific cancer.

Offering flights across almost every programme, MAF aircraft are a vital part of the long-term solution to a malaria-free world.



MAF partner Sally Lloyd (pictured left), reporting from Mougulu Health Clinic, Papua New Guinea — June 2022

Today, we received malaria medications via MAF delivery. Thank you to Rotarians Against Malaria and the MAF team for bringing them. These malaria medications have been desperately needed for some time – sick and desperate people resort to dangerous practices to try and help their condition.

Disciples making disciples

STORY GARY CLAYTON / PHOTOS EDDIE & AMANDA SIMMONS

MAF partners Amanda and Eddie Simmons are bringing the Gospel of love to a remote Kenyan tribe

‘When we first brought God’s Word to the Samburu people,’ says Amanda, ‘we found that people in Sesia were hungry to hear what He had to say to them.

‘They believe in one Creator God but feel He is far away and angry, so they try to appease Him through sacrifices and rituals.’

The founders of Free Will Baptist International Missions moved to Sesia in 2017 and were delighted at the people’s receptivity.

‘Many surrendered their lives to Christ’ — particularly the women who, in Samburu culture, ‘have less value than livestock, and seldom feel loved.’

To counter this, the missionaries told Bible stories of women who’d encountered God as Father.

In 2018, Eddie and Amanda began the Community Health Evangelism group. A nurse taught about nutrition, sanitation and pregnancy, and a Samburu women’s leader shared Bible stories.

‘It was such a joy to see the women light up as they realised that they are loved and valued,’ Amanda recalls. ‘Their love for God began to blossom, and they were transformed.’

‘One mama said, “I always talked bad about others and gossiped. I never got along with anyone. Then Yeso (Jesus) changed my heart! Now I show love instead!”

‘Another woman said, “I was always fighting with my husband. Then Yeso changed me. Even if my husband tries to pick a fight, I don’t get angry. Now there is peace in my home!”



Having studied a variety of biblical topics, the group is now training believers who want to start five new discipleship groups in Sesia — disciples making disciples!

Without MAF, it would be hard for Amanda to be able to encourage them. The city where she gets supplies requires a two-day, off-road drive across dry riverbeds — ‘which is very hard on our “mature” bodies.’

Flying, however, ‘preserves our bodies, giving us longevity on the field. It enables us to get our supplies quicker, reducing time away from the Samburu people. We are so grateful for MAF!’



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PLEASE PRAY

– for new communities hearing the Gospel for the first time.





'It's changed my life'

Last spring, Kent-based walker Sally Giles read a story online about an expectant mother in Papua New Guinea who needed urgent medical help to deliver twins

Having lost her first daughter Samantha at 28 weeks, Sally was moved to tears when she heard MAF was able to save 3 lives in one medevac flight.

'Thinking about mums out there in isolated areas who need urgent help like I did made me want to do something,' she says.

Having discovered that MAF's *Time in Their Shoes* campaign was that perfect 'something', Sally and her friend Teresa raised

a remarkable £1,000 for MAF by walking more than 350 miles.

'Walking is like a tonic for me,' Sally explains. 'It has been God's medicine during dark times in my life when, at one stage, I was too fearful to leave my house.'

'I would encourage anyone who is suffering mental health challenges to try walking. It's free, healthy and it's changed my life. And doing it for MAF has made me love it even more!'



Don't miss out – get involved with *Time in Their Shoes* today.

Visit www.maf-uk.org/timeintheirshoes or email us at community.fundraising@maf-uk.org, and see how you can walk so they don't have to!



The love you share through your prayers and gifts transforms communities.
On behalf of those we serve — thank you!



It's a family thing

At MAF, family is so important. 'New' recruit Sam Oliver (pictured top, left) gives thanks for the amazing MAF family that is made up of our staff, volunteers and supporters

We're so grateful for the role everyone plays to allow our aircraft to reach some of the most isolated people on earth.

Like every family, there are good times and hard times and we feel privileged to go through these seasons together.

I feel incredibly honoured that, during the saddest of times, so many of our amazing supporters continue to set up an MAF tribute fund. We're touched that we've been chosen to help remember so many special friends and family members.

An online Wings of Hope tribute fund page is a place where you can give in memory of a loved one, and share precious memories and photos – keeping alive the joy and laughter they brought to all who knew them.

I've just started at MAF as the new Tribute Fund Co-ordinator and am looking forward to supporting our tribute fund holders. Having previously worked in MAF's community fundraising team, I met and married Ian – MAF's Supporter Relations Manager.

I've spent the last five years at home looking after our amazing children Zoe and Ben, but am excited to return to the MAF office.

If you have any questions about existing tribute funds, are interested in setting one up, or would simply like to say hello, please phone me on [01303 852819](tel:01303852819) or email sam.oliver@maf-uk.org

Remember someone special



The podcast has landed!

MAF UK's first ever Flying for Life podcast – hosted by Premier Christian Radio's Josh Carter – is now available for you to download

In the podcast, Josh and friends explore the issues at the heart of MAF's ministry and the role we play in delivering help, hope and healing to the remotest people on earth.

In our first episode, Director of Strickland Bosavi Foundation Sally Lloyd, teacher Maika Yabua from Nomad Mougulu High School and MAF Liberia's Deputy Chief Pilot Steven Biggs discuss access to education in Papua New Guinea and Liberia.

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**Jesus answered, 'I am the way, and
the truth, and the life. The only
way to the Father is through me.'**

John 14:6 (NCV)



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