

120 flights for 120 years

An MAF supporter from Essex launches a fundraising marathon from the skies

On 20 February 2023, Dollar Onwusiribe, a private pilot, father and YouTuber from Harlow, Essex, took off from Turweston Airdrome in a 1978 Grumman Gulfstream aircraft — 120 years since the first flight in history was famously recorded by the Wright brothers in 1903.

Dollar is launching a year-long fundraising campaign named The Write Tour 120 to raise awareness about the people, places and events that have enhanced the development of aviation. He is aiming to land at 120 airfields across the UK before the end of 2023, alongside a full-time job in central London.



PHOTO: DOLLAR ONWUSIRIBE

His first day of flying touched down at six airfields across Oxfordshire, ending at Wycombe Air Park, where he was interviewed by the BBC to mark the launch of his challenge.

Dollar is hoping to raise £12,000 for MAF and broadcast his progress via his growing YouTube channel called Flying Missionary. His next flights will cover airfields in Hampshire, Berkshire, and the South coast, progressing to Wales and the West of England during May this year.

Born in Nigeria, Dollar has dreamed of becoming a pilot since the age of six, but was unable to obtain his

Private Pilot's Licence in his home country due to lack of funds and educational requirements. Now a British citizen, Dollar has self-funded his training alongside a career in local government, and is passionate about inspiring young people to follow their flying dreams.

Speaking to BBC Radio Essex, he said: 'I consider it a real honour and privilege to be flying for MAF, and I feel that this is the right time to be doing this challenge — something I have been thinking of for a while. I hope my flights help raise awareness about MAF and inspire lots of people to get involved.'

Pause for prayer

We praise God for our team of inspiring volunteers and fundraisers who — like Dollar Onwusiribe — are using their skills to inspire people to support MAF. Pray for Dollar, that smooth logistics, safety and favour will follow his flight path in the coming months.

Show your support

You can follow Dollar's fundraising journey on his YouTube channel Flying Missionary by searching @flyingmissionary and support his efforts by donating online, visit www.gofund.me/d955d61c

Flying For Life Podcast

The second of MAF's new Flying For Life podcasts is available now and unpacks how MAF is tackling poverty in South Sudan. To hear MAF partner Rev Bernard Suwa of Grace Community Church in Juba tell his incredible testimony, visit www.maf-uk.org/podcast