

Maasai pupils given a safe place to sleep

A recent MAF project provides a new dormitory for students in rural Kenya

In March 2023, MAF Pilot Christiaan Haak flew a team to see the impact of an MAF-sponsored dormitory, recently built at the Maasai Academy in Enairebuk, south-western Kenya.

MAF supporters in Denmark have raised funds to build a safe place for pupils to sleep during the week, saving them a long and dangerous walk across dark fields each day. Boarding at the Maasai Academy will also free up precious hours and energy for the young students, who can walk a 10km round trip to school every day.

The Maasai Academy — run by MAF's long-term partner RedTribe — supports approximately 270 children from low-income families by providing food and shelter at a



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time when the region has sustained many months of acute food shortages.

RedTribe's Kenya Director Pelua Siloma says, 'The biggest challenge is that lack of food and fees mean children fail to attend school. [At the Maasai Academy], we have a garden, and farm different food that we use to prepare meals for the children. I feel positive about partnership with MAF and hope for more, especially on education projects.'

Headteacher Carlos Kosgei explains that, 'The dormitories provided by MAF will give the children ample time to concentrate on their studies in the safety of the school grounds. Children from poor backgrounds

can now receive sponsorship to study here.'

According to MAF Kenya Country Director Faith Susan, who also joined the flight, 'It's great to witness the impact that MAF Kenya, MAF Denmark and RedTribe have brought to this Maasai community. From building an airstrip to enable 30-minutes of travel from Nairobi [saving seven hours by land], to supporting school children, we can only hope to find more opportunities to bring help, hope and healing to this community.'

In February, an MAF flight also kick-started a water project in Enairebuk, which will soon provide clean and safe water for the students and wider community.

Pause for prayer

Lord, we thank You for the opportunity to support the lives of young people in rural Kenya and provide practical help such as shelter, education and food. We pray that the students at the Maasai Academy will also be changed by Your love as they continue to learn and grow in this remote corner of the world.

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