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Flying for Life

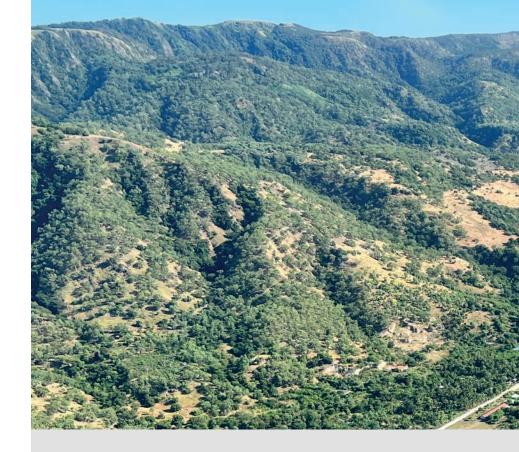
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In this issue, our regular Beyond isolation feature (pages 10-12) highlights the MAF Timor-Leste programme, which is illustrated by the images above.

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





It's a small world

Summer is here and there is so much in this issue of Flying for Life for which we can all praise God.

The stories also remind me that, for all the vast wonder of His creation, it is sometimes 'a small world'.

In March, I told you one of my previous posts was with Mercy Ships and, in this quarter's first article, MAF's tremendous partnership with my former charity is told through the words of a first-time passenger (page 4).

In our featured programme Timor-Leste, a boy's life was saved by an MAF medevac — one of hundreds that are sure to take place this year in that country (page 12).

Elsewhere in our Asia-Pacific region, indigenous evangelists are spreading the Gospel throughout the remote communities of Australia's Northern Territories (page 6).

And, as students in the UK approach the end of their academic year, we celebrate the achievements of young people in Papua New Guinea whose graduation was a direct result of another long-term partnership with MAF.

Thank you for all the good news you're about to read. It has its roots in the love you show MAF through your prayers and gifts.

Donovan Palmer Chief Executive, MAF UK

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Happy landings

STORY GARY CLAYTON / PHOTOS PAULA ALDERBLAD

Flying with MAF is always memorable but, for most passengers, it's their first flight with us that inspires the greatest sense of excitement

y first flight in Liberia was amazing — a real adventure!' says Marina Schmid (cutout below).

Marina, Mercy Ships' Global Project Manager for Medical Capacity Building, appreciated the pilot's prayer before take-off and explains that, 'We made it to Tapeta in rural Liberia (pictured bottom) in less than an hour instead of travelling more than two days by road!

'Our skilled pilot didn't even break a sweat over the tricky landing strip!'

In a country ravaged by civil war and Ebola, Mercy Ships provides free, life-changing operations for thousands of people.

Marina, who manages a team that includes specialist doctors, surgeons and nurses, describes their relationship with MAF as 'a good partnership — two separate organisations having the same goal of bringing hope to Liberia's people.'

Her dedicated volunteer staff are currently focusing on providing training for medical personnel in local hospitals, helping health workers understand how best to treat people with mental health problems, and finding ways of making surgery safer for patients.

In the past, such training mainly occurred in the capital Monrovia. But, although medics living in remote rural areas also need support, the poor condition of the roads and the difficulties and dangers of travelling overland originally made it impossible.

Fortunately, since 2021, MAF pilots have been flying Mercy Ships teams to some of Liberia's hardest to reach areas.

We have already enjoyed a fruitful partnership that involved MAF transporting patients, crew and equipment across the vast island of Madagascar.

Today, a similarly valuable relationship enables us both to share God's love in another nation that's in desperate need of help, hope and healing; our flights again making travel easier and safer.

Although it's not yet possible for one of the hospital ships to visit Liberia, it's likely that one will be able to do so in the future, with MAF and Marina 'looking forward to continuing the good work for the citizens of Liberia.'



LIBERIA



Capital city

Destination

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Young people need YOU!

This year, MAF Youth is planning to engage with more young people as it seeks to build strong foundations for the future of our mission

o you have a heart to see young people inspired for mission?

We're looking for MAF Youth speakers to

We're looking for MAF Youth speakers to engage with youth groups in their local area – bringing the challenges of the mission field to life through interactive sessions based on the work MAF does around the world.

Each volunteer will be fully trained and resourced to deliver the best session possible, designed to connect with young people and inspire them to put their faith into action.

As a volunteer MAF Youth speaker, you'll receive:

- Resources and training
- An MAF Youth T-shirt
- Updates on what MAF is doing around the world
- Invitations to MAF volunteer events

Young people are so important to the incredible work that MAF does. They are future pilots, engineers, missionaries, supporters and prayer partners.

But there's no fire without ignition — and this is where we need your help.

If you have good communication skills and can give a small amount of your time, then we'd love to hear from you and get you started on your journey to becoming an MAF Youth speaker!

MAF was formed by Christians who used what God had given into their hands to bring His heart and hope to some of the most isolated people in the world.

Today, we want young people to know that — however they may feel about themselves — with God's help, they can continue the work of MAF's founders.



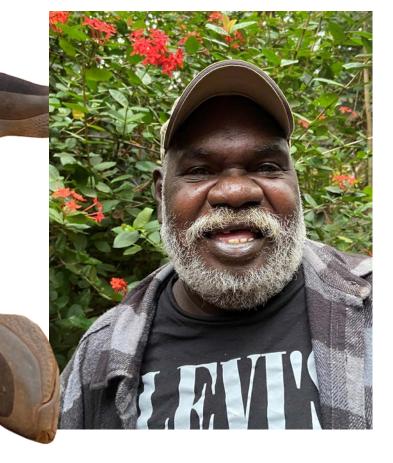


Fishers of men

PHOTOS STEPHANIE GIDNEY

Former MAF Communications Officer Stephanie Gidney's final report from Arnhem Land paints a thrilling vision of dynamic spirituality at work among its indigenous communities





rabhu Pothula originally came to Arnhem Land as an MAF pilot, where he met his wife Christina. Five years later, they joined Pioneers Australia.

Based on Galiwin'ku, also known as Elcho Island, Prabhu and Christina are committed to providing support and fellowship for Yolnu believers like David (pictured left) and George (pictured below).

The long-term vision is for Yolgu people to disciple each other, rather than still feeling they need someone from outside their community to lead a church.

Alongside their focus on helping men become strong church leaders, Christina is looking to build relationships with the Yolnu women.

I was privileged to join David, Prabhu, Christina and their girls for a time of fellowship and fishing at Bible Camp beach.

'It's a very special place for Yolnu,' Prabhu explained. 'In the mission days, people used to go camping and read Scripture here.'

A lonely path

David had been attending Bible college 350 miles away in Darwin when God called him back home for a special

As he put it, 'God gives me the words and I must speak what He says. I'm just a follower who's learning through the Holy Spirit.

One particular lesson will never be forgotten.

When David's daughter was giving birth, the baby was in breech presentation — putting the lives of mother and baby at risk. But, while David was, 'sitting in the Spirit, I saw the Spirit turning the baby around!'

Both lives were saved.

I asked David what difference it makes to have fellowship with Prabhu. 'I need help to get my people back to life,' he replied. 'I need someone anointed like Prabhu to help me. He's a shepherd to me - the same Spirit works in us.'

Such a calling can be a lonely one. Although David is the rightful leader of his Yolnu clan, he is not respected as he should be because of his beliefs.

'But then,' he said emphatically, 'I have found the true path — carrying the fruits of the Spirit."

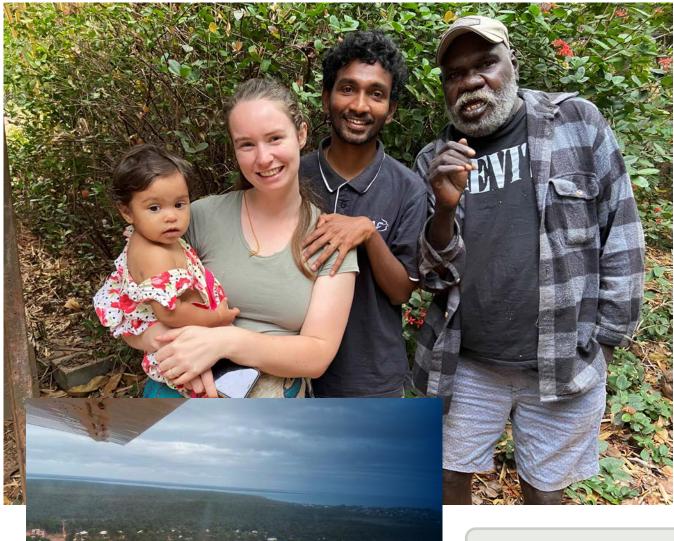
Having sacrificed his position because of his faith, David doesn't have many Yolnu friends. He is acutely aware of the parallel of Jesus Christ being rejected in His hometown.

'You'll catch men'

George is also the leader of a Galiwin'ku clan, and Christina's adoptive uncle.

'I came to faith around 15,' he testified. 'God said to me, "I'll be always with you, until the ends of earth." I was very bad before but, when Jesus came into my life, He said, "Stop it. Be humble. Be kind to your people and to your enemy."

'He told me, "You'll be a leader. You'll catch men." So I've been speaking about the Gospel to a lot of people



 here and in conferences all over the place.'

When road travel is impractical or impossible, George's growing outreach programme is still able to spread God's love because he can fly with MAF.

For nearly three years, George and other Yolnu Christian men on Galiwin'ku have been meeting with Prabhu regularly for fellowship.

'We experience God's presence every time we have fellowship,' George said. 'We break bread, meditate on the Word, and pray for one another and the unity of the Church.'

The men also pray for families, sick people, elders, leaders and for their young people. Among the

latter, violent behaviour, substance misuse and suicide are very real and present dangers.

Day to day living is easier for our family

because of MAF

The MAF connection

Prabhu and Christina retain their strong connection with us.

'We get a lot of support from MAF,' Prabhu told me. 'Housing is a big issue here, but we live in an MAF house at a subsidised rate.

'In terms of flying, it makes it easier for us to get food. We can ask someone in Gove to get some shopping for us and then have it delivered on an MAF plane. It makes life more sustainable and — when we fly - it's at subsidised rates.

'Day-to-day living is easier for our family because of MAF.'

PLEASE PRAY

- for God to raise up strong Christian leaders, for young people to find the Lord, and for Christina to build strong relationships with Yolnu women.



More than just a job: it's God's plan

STORY JO LAMB

Programme Safety Manager and Technical Training Specialist Dom Sant has always loved aircraft, but laid aside his teenage MAF dream for a career with Rolls-Royce. Looking back, he knows MAF was always part of God's plan

rading an 18-year career at Rolls-Royce for the heat, culture and unpredictability of Papua New Guinea (PNG) has been a whirlwind adventure that Dom Sant never fully imagined.

Yet his first year with MAF in Mount Hagen fulfilled a lifelong dream to work with aircraft, and has seen his family embrace new traditions, adventures and challenges which are growing them every day.

'I first looked at joining MAF aged 17,' Dom recalls, 'but I wrote my car off on the way to an MAF open day — if I ever needed a sign from God that the time wasn't right, that was it!'

Since then, he believes God has been preparing him, his wife Sequoia and their three children for their MAF adventure.

'I must admit, I thought it was pilot, engineer or nothing with MAF. But looking back, I see God at work in the background, developing my experience in project management, health and safety and training for a role that's a perfect fit. God had a plan all the way through.'



Dom's varied and evolving job has expanded beyond his expectations and keeps him on his toes every day.

'Some days, I wake up with a plan and it changes at least three times before lunch! But it's exciting and totally rewarding. The scenery, people and mission are all amazing. We feel incredibly blessed to be here, and the lifestyle suits us down to the ground.'

Responsible for implementing MAF's exemplary safety culture and ensuring the maintenance team are

trained to a high standard, Dom is bringing ideas from the UK aviation and nuclear industries to PNG.

Throwing a challenge to readers who have been tempted by an MAF career in the past, Dom says, 'When we were thinking about joining MAF, we spoke to some friends. Our mindset was, "Should we go?" but they challenged us to ask, "Why shouldn't we go?"

'We realised that we were holding back for no reason. Sometimes, you are the biggest thing stopping God's plan!'



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Beyond isolation: Timor-Leste

STORY RICHARD CHAMBERS

Flying for Life's featured programme this summer is MAF Timor-Leste. We began operations here in 2007, since when our planes have provided the only air ambulance for a nation with minimal healthcare

he former Portuguese colony of 'East Timor' became independent in 2002, after a quarter of a century of brutal repression that followed an invasion by Indonesian military

In spite of valuable natural resources such as gas and marble, Timor-Leste remains one of the most underdeveloped countries in Asia.

However, since gaining independence, child mortality has fallen steadily and a sustained building programme has seen a significant increase in secondary school enrolment.

Agriculture continues to employ most people — textiles, arts and crafts being other typical methods of earning a living.

Despite being heavily reliant on oil revenue, the government seeks to promote Timor-Leste's incredible natural beauty and unique cultural experience' to generate desperately needed investment.

A good start

MAF fully supports this environmentally responsible initiative through regular flights to nearby Atauro Island (pictured top), as MAF Timor-Leste's Country Director Nick Hitchins explains.

The main reason we launched the shuttle service was because the island was very isolated. Its inhabitants have very limited opportunities to gain employment.'

Egidio da Purificação Soares works for the Tourism for All project.

'MAF's regular flight operation is very helpful in generating local economic income through Timorese and international visitors to the island,' says Egidio.



'The number of tourists, both foreign and domestic, is increasing and this is a good start that will have a positive impact on local communities by boosting economic growth.'

Closing the Loop

MAF is best known in Timor-Leste for being an essential part of emergency healthcare - mainly due to the hundreds of medevacs our aircraft carry out every year.

However, these flights exposed another urgent need for many of this country's hospital patients for someone to visit, pray with and provide practical assistance.

Ruth Hitchins, who co-ordinates MAF's holistic care programme Closing the Loop, outlines the problem.

'I have seen in hospital that the patients are not provided with what they need. If they come in via a medevac, they have not had time to get their soap and tissues and other extra items."

So it was that the MAF Care Pack programme became part of Closing the Loop.

'People arrive with minimum belongings, not prepared for a longer stay in the hospital,' says Care Pack Co-ordinator Rebecca Klassen (pictured right).

'They're far from home and often have no family members around who could take care of them.

'As Christians, we see it as our responsibility to step in and help them. These MAF care packs are an easy and practical way to show Christ's love to those in need.'

'We congratulate MAF'

Ostensibly, Timor-Leste is a Christian country but underlying animistic beliefs make for a society often paralysed by fear. MAF seeks to serve the needs of the Church wherever possible.

Kenyan missionary Sister Norah Wanza and four other sisters of the Company of Mary Our Lady arrived in Timor-Leste in January to continue their mission to the people of Atauro Island.

'We come to expand the Kingdom of God through our mission,' says Sister Norah.

MAF Pilot Jan Klassen — husband of Rebecca — flew the sisters to

Atauro where they will spread the Gospel through their work supporting schools, young people and women's groups.

'It's wonderful!' exclaims Norah. 'When we arrived, it was to a very warm welcome from the people. They are interested to know more about our mission, and to teach us about their language and culture.

'We congratulate MAF for 16 years of serving this country, and we just want to encourage you and wish you all the best.

'May God bless your ministry of serving isolated people in Timor-Leste and expanding the Kingdom of God to them.'





1.4 MILLION
PEOPLE LIVE IN
TIMOR-LESTE



42%
LIVE BELOW THE
POVERTY LINE



40%
ARE BELOW THE AGE
OF 15



70%
LIVE IN RURAL
AREAS AND RELY ON
AGRICULTURE



TIMOR-LESTE TIMELINE

1975

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Independence from Portugal. Indonesian occupation

O 1999

Independence vote recognised by UN

O 2002

Timor-Leste declared an independent state

O 2003

First MAF survey

O 2005

Second MAF survey

O 2006

MAF submits proposal for an aircraft to the Ministry of Health and signs a memorandum of understanding to improve healthcare and airlift patients

> 2007

Civil Aviation Division of Timor-Leste grants MAF approval; first MAF family arrives

O 2012

UN peacekeeping forces withdraw

O 2013

Second MAF family arrives

O 2015

Second aircraft bought by MAF Australia

O 2016

Third full-time pilot arrives

O 2022

MAF's Atauro shuttle service begins

O 2023

Launch of domestic airline to seven national transport hubs

MAF Timor-Leste celebrates 16 years flying 'Beyond isolation'



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'We are very grateful to MAF'

STORY AND PHOTOS LOBITOS ALVES

The life of a one-year-old boy in Timor-Leste was saved when MAF flew him to Dili for specialist treatment only available in the capital

AF's intervention in this emergency was vital. The little boy, who suffers from pulmonary disease, lives on Atauro Island which is separated from the mainland by about 20 miles of water.

He was successfully transferred into the care of staff at Guido Valadares National Hospital (HNGV) in less than an hour.

The other 'option' — a difficult sea crossing — would have taken

'One of the current challenges for evacuating sick people on Atauro Island is transportation,' says Nurse Amelia. 'It is difficult for us to evacuate the patient by boat if the weather is unstable.

'MAF's presence in Timor-Leste is very important for us in helping Timorese people in remote areas who need emergency medical evacuation to get special treatment at HNGV,' she explains.

'The airline is responding to the necessities of Timorese people. It helps us a lot in providing an excellent flight service that is comfortable and trusted people and their families from rural areas to the capital.'

'I feel honoured to be an important link in providing urgently needed medical help for Timorese people,"

> says MAF Pilot and Safety Manager Jan Klassen.

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A VIDEO OF ANOTHER

'Living on an island with only limited care is a huge disadvantage when time is a critical factor. That's the reason why MAF is flying medevacs from Atauro — simply to save lives.

'It is a privilege to see that every flight really does make a difference and impacts those who are in need of our help."

'We are very grateful to MAF,'

says the boy's father Estevão Mouzinho, 'because they were able to transfer our son with their plane from Atauro to Dili. At that time, the ocean waves were hard, and we weren't able to make the transfer by boat.

'But MAF really helped us in that difficult situation and successfully transferred our son to Dili. We are very grateful for their help!'





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South Sudan





'I love working for MAF!' A change of heart

STORY JENNY DAVIES

homas Titus spent the first years of life in Maridi, an agricultural area in Western Equatoria where the fertile earth supports six different tribes.

Growing up in the 1990s during the Second Sudanese Civil War he had to dive into foxholes as soldiers fought to liberate the town. Leaving home at 18, Thomas completed his last three years of secondary school in Uganda, thanks to the support of a Wycliffe missionary.

In 2012, Thomas came to the now independent capital Juba to become a dispatcher for the UN before joining the MAF South Sudan team nine months later. Under the mentorship of his colleagues, he progressed to his current role of Dispatch Team Leader.

Eight years ago, Thomas was particularly inspired by MAF's Healing Hearts and Transforming Nations workshop, which was designed to bring people from different tribes together.

'It's very good medicine for healing,' he explains. 'We shared this teaching at the first ever Maridi Youth Christian Association meeting, which I helped to form that year.

'I've lost count of the training I've been involved with since, but I'll never forget the stories that people share as they release their trauma

'Like the man who was going to fight his in-laws over a cow. He had a change of heart thanks to the training. He went to them to reconcile instead of fight them with guns.

T've also learnt a lot about flight operations from my MAF colleagues. I've gone from being young and single to a husband and father of four, with a plot of land in Juba and a house I built from scratch. I pay school fees for 11 different children including my siblings and children of friends. It is a big responsibility.

'The thing I love most is MAF's values. We have the Gospel at the heart of our ministry and there are opportunities to share it with people.

'I am mindful of my footprint. What have I done with what God has given me?'





STORY JACQUELINE MWENDE / PHOTOS REDTRIBE Families in eastern Africa suffering one of the most severe droughts on record are being forced to rely on contaminated water sources. MAF Kenya and its partners are responding



seriously affecting livelihoods in Kenya

At least 5.4 million people are expected to face extreme hunger this year

Almost **1 million** children will suffer from acute malnutrition during 2023

PLEASE PRAY

- for those affected by the impact of severe drought in East Africa

AF Pilot Sam Johnston flew a team of 11 UK-based volunteers from Nairobi to Enairebuk for the commissioning of a project that will provide clean water to 250 secondary school girls.

These girls walk miles to reach the river, which is the main water source, exposing themselves to many dangers such as attacks from wild animals.

Water supplies for Maasai communities are mainly through boreholes, but many of them have already run dry in a country where a third consecutive year without lifesaving rains has been forecast.

When it does rain, the Maasai collect drinking water from pools. The high temperatures experienced in Maasailand cause their cattle to walk into the pools to quench their thirst.

In the process, the pools become polluted by animal excrement making them a breeding zone for bacteria and the water unsafe for human consumption. Maasai have no choice but to drink unsafe water from the pools and many contract waterborne diseases as a result.

MAF partner RedTribe has given more than 3,000 people access to clean water through the 12 water points they've installed in Maasai communities — transporting water from natural springs to drought-hit villages through a pipe network.

However, at least 10,000 more people are in dire need of safe drinking water for household use, without which the number of infections will continue to rise.

RedTribe Country Director Pelua Ole Siloma says that his organisation is only able to continue serving the Maasai community because of our planes and pilots.

'I am grateful to MAF Kenya because, through their flights, travelling to Enairebuk from Nairobi takes 11/2 hours. On the road, the journey takes approximately seven hours

This saves our team and donors vital travel time, allowing them enough hours on the ground to see the progress of our projects and even speak directly with our beneficiaries.'



Flying colours

STORY GARY CLAYTON / PHOTOS LANDEN KELLY

MAF's partnership with a Papua New Guinea (PNG) school provides persecuted youngsters with a pathway out of poverty







eep in the heart of the jungle lies Nomad Mougulu High School (NMHS), one of the remotest schools on earth.

Built with MAF's help three years ago, the difficult-to-access secondary school can only be reached on foot or by plane.

In December 2022, 54 students graduated with flying colours from year 10 in what is now one of the best schools in PNG's remote Western Province.

Hundreds of guests — some of them flown in by MAF — attended the ceremony; the large number of attendees requiring many to stand, or sit on the floor.

The school, whose first intake arrived in September 2021, accommodates 220 students and provides boarding facilities and access to medical care.

'Before NMHS,' says Sally Lloyd, the school's Founder (pictured left), 'Mougulu girls weren't safe travelling up to the Highlands.

'Many were subjected to violence and abuse, so parents chose not to send them to senior school. So we promised we'd help them get a secondary education.'

The school relies on us to deliver food, clothing, exercise books, pens, chalk, chairs, teachers, students and exam papers!

'It's difficult,' Sally explains, 'when we start to run out of food or supplies. We couldn't operate without MAF's pilots coming in.'

Without MAF, some students face a three-day journey to reach the much-loved school located in the foothills of a rugged mountain range that runs through the centre of PNG.

Despite food shortages and power cuts, Sally, her husband Ian and their team of eight teachers are transforming the rural region.

This year, they plan to provide better opportunities for young people by recruiting more teachers and expanding the curriculum to incorporate years 11 and 12.

'My dream,' Sally concludes, 'is for them to be included in PNG society, have access to good education, improve their lives and really make a difference in their community."

Thanks to MAF, Sally's dream is becoming a reality.

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A runway success

In September, we're launching an exciting new fundraising event — the MAF Runway Run — and we need your help!

To raise funds for our African medical evacuation flights (medevacs), we need as many runners as possible to take part in our first ever 10k Runway Run.

This unique event will take place on a fully functioning runway in beautiful Northamptonshire.

Last year, our friends at MAF Netherlands launched the Runway Run concept. They raised enough to fund more than 600 medevacs!

This year, we're joining with them to raise even more for these vital, life-saving flights.

The Runway Run will be held at Turweston Aerodrome, Brackley NN13 5YD on Friday 22 September — 7pm start.

To find out more, scan the QR code, visit www.maf-uk.org/RWR, or email community.fundraising@maf-uk.org

Will you help us turn our first Runway Run into a runway success?



The love you share through your prayers and gifts helps raise families.

For the stories we tell — thank you!



Partner with MAF Scotland

At MAF, our vision is to see isolated people changed through the love of Christ - it's our great passion!

We want to share our vision with your church, your school or your group, and we have a number of great resources to engage and excite you.

If you live in Scotland — and are inspired by the way our pilots and planes help people worldwide to overcome the many trials they face — invite us to share our story with you!

Likewise, perhaps you can think of ways in which MAF could help your church or school with its mission or curriculum needs. If so, let us know because we'd love to partner with you!

Browse the new resources on our website to find out how MAF can help equip you, your church, your school or your group to raise awareness of men, women and children living in some of the remotest areas on earth.

Visit www.maf-uk.org/scotland-resources now, fill in the contact form, and one of the MAF Scotland team will contact you to discuss your needs.



A heart for mission

Marion Cochrane was born in Southampton in 1928 and had a heart for mission from a young age

She trained as a nurse then met and later married a handsome doctor called Ian Cochrane. As soon as they finished their clinician training in 1958, they packed their bags and set sail for India to work with The Leprosy Mission.

Remaining in India for almost 20 years, Ian and Marion set up many leprosy clinics and later worked in Champa Hospital.

They spent a further 13 years in Bangladesh where they supported the Health Education and Economic Development programme.

Marion summed up her mission experience thus: 'The most wonderful part of being in the team at the leprosy hospital was showing patients that we cared for and accepted them. The fact that we were not afraid to touch them also made a big impression."

When it came to retirement, lan and Marion headed to Nepal instead! There they helped establish a new leprosy hospital in a very remote area. The couple spent a lifetime loving and serving those with leprosy and were later awarded MBEs at Buckingham Palace in recognition of their remarkable achievements.

We're so grateful that Marion's heart for mission, which lasted her entire lifetime, saw her make the generous decision to leave a gift to MAF in her Will. She had been a lifelong supporter of our work with isolated people in remote communities.

Marion lived her life devoted to serving others and the impact of everything she did to that end will affect many generations to come.

If you are interested in leaving a legacy to MAF, please phone Miriam Wheeler on 01303 852819 or email miriam.wheeler@maf-uk.org

Where there's a Will there's a plane

MAF RECRUITMENT EVENTS 2023

The MAF UK HR Team is travelling the length and breadth of the UK to connect with people interested in serving overseas with MAF.

If you, or someone you know, is thinking about service overseas and has some questions, our events could be the next step in their journey.

To find out more or register for the events below, visit www.maf-uk.org/recruitment-events

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THE GATHERING	23-25 JUNE	SWINDON, WILTSHIRE
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KESWICK – Week A	29 JULY-4 AUGUST	KESWICK, CUMBRIA
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