Flight Log

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Falsely imprisoned MAF pilot returns to the USA

MAF Pilot Ryan Koher, who was falsely accused of supporting insurgent activity in Mozambique, was finally granted permission to travel last month. He touched down in the USA at Boise Airport, Idaho, with his wife Annabel and their two sons on 6 October 2023, after almost a year of ongoing allegations and imprisonment. He will spend an extended period with family and friends in America, who have been praying fervently for his release since he was arrested in November 2022.

The American pilot/mechanic was performing regular security checks on 4 November last year before a flight scheduled to deliver medicine and food for an orphanage in Montepuez, a region renowned for insurgent activity and violence. Police seized the cargo, and arrested Ryan and two orphanage volunteers from South Africa.

The three men were jailed on an undetermined written charge and held in a maximum-security jail in Maputo, the capital of Mozambique, for almost five months. From prison, Ryan wrote letters of prayerful hope and trust in God, despite facing uncertainty and suffering aggressive bites from insects.

During Ryan's imprisonment, MAF called a day of reflection for the 3 men on 15 February, with more than 1,000 people joining a virtual 24-hour period of prayer and fasting across the globe.

The men were released on 14 March 2023, and have only recently been permitted to travel outside Mozambique. An investigation is still ongoing, and the case is yet to be dismissed. Ryan is not permitted to carry out pilot duties but was allowed to help with engineering work in MAF's hangar after his release. He hopes to return to Mozambique and continue to fly for MAF as soon as the case is closed.

Pause for prayer

Ryan's story is a testimony of bravery, hope and trust in God. However, the Koher family still asks for prayer — particularly that all charges would be lifted, and the case will be closed. Pray for the whole family as they reunite with loved ones in Ryan's home country and enjoy some much-needed respite.

Christmas is coming!

Every year, MAF produces a fun, interactive, family-friendly way to count down to Christmas. Last year, more than 30,000 children enjoyed our Advent Adventure — a digital calendar which helps schools, churches and families learn more about MAF. You can find out more by visiting **www.mafadvent.org**

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We are all feeling the pinch this year — with soaring prices and lots of uncertainty. So, as you consider your Christmas gift list, why not shop with MAF? Our affordable gifts will not only bless your loved ones but will also change lives in the most isolated parts of the world. For festive ideas, please visit **www.maf-uk.org/shop**

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