



Week 1 Sep 27th: South Sudan & Uganda

- Mollenhauer Family (p.14) - We are encouraged by your faithful prayers and giving which together makes it possible for us to remain in South Sudan serving with MAF during this year. MAF has been allowed to continue serving remote communities in South Sudan and in recent months much of this has centred on health needs. We thank God that isolated people have had God's love shown to them in these practical ways. Domestic flights have been prohibited in some other countries in our region.
- Our partners are struggling to get to refugee camps in Northern Uganda due to bad roads after heavy rainfall. Pray for permission to start flying again - so that we can help with safe and quick transport!
- Pray for the Uganda Operations team as they continue to receive training during this 'waiting for operations normal' time.
- Give thanks that travel restrictions are easing in South Sudan and that team members have recently been able to return to Juba from Uganda and the US.

Week 2 Oct 4th: Mareeba

- Continue to pray for the sale of the ex-PNG Twin Otter aircraft that are in Mareeba so that we can use the funds to invest in future projects.
- Give thanks for the Mareeba Flight Training Centre students who have passed their exams and pray for those still studying.
- Give thanks for the Robinson family who have recently moved from MAF Arnhem Land to Mareeba. Jason has taken on a new role as Pilot Instructor in the Flight Training Centre.

Week 3 Oct 11th: Liberia

- Praise the Lord that the MAF Liberia hangar is nearing completion. Continue to pray for the timely arrival of some items which are delayed due to shipment and supply restraints.
- We have a critical need for Chief Engineers in Chad and Liberia. Continue to pray that these roles would be filled.

Week 4 Oct 18th: Papua New Guinea

- Give thanks that MAF was able to transport building materials for Mougulu High School in PNG, allowing children education locally rather than having to board elsewhere.
- Praise God that a group of 40 students in PNG were able to obtain their own Bibles through one of our flights. Pray that they will be impacted by reading the Word of God personally.
- Give thanks for the weekly Aerial Health Patrol flights we have been able to do.

Week 5 Oct 25th: General

- Give thanks for the life of Stuart King, co-founder of MAF in the UK, who passed away at the end of August. Thank God for the profound impact that his life and obedience have had on so many.
- Pray for ticketing and visa approval miracles for MAF staff who need to travel at this time of constantly changing regulations.
- Please pray that those programmes who require pilot and engineer cover will be able to get this organised despite current travel challenges.
- Give thanks for the flying that we have been able to do during these difficult times. Pray that we will have more opportunities to serve.

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A Little Note

2020 is MAF's 75th Anniversary and recently we were saddened by the passing of MAF pioneer Stuart King. Below find a little of his story to inspire and bless you:

"Serving as an aircraft engineer during the Second World War and ending his RAF career as Chief Technical Officer at RAF Duxford, Stuart nurtured a growing desire to use aircraft for good and helped establish MAF in 1945. Struck by the isolation of countless thousands of people living behind physical and economic barriers, Stuart along with a handful of RAF personnel set out to discover the extent of their needs. His determination and sense of adventure led Stuart on a survey flight across East and Central Africa in 1948 – a pioneering mission that shaped the course of his future and paved a way forward for humanitarian aviation.

Rallying funds and vision for MAF's first aircraft – a Miles Gemini – from a handful of pilots and friends, Stuart, along with former RAF Squadron Leader Jack Hemmings, began a six-month survey flight to explore the basic question of whether aircraft could assist the work of humanitarian missionaries dotted across Africa. With little more than a map, compass and wartime RAF experience, the fearless pair plotted a route across Libya, Egypt, Sudan, Kenya and the Belgian Congo using the River Nile as their guide.

By 1980, Stuart saw MAF purchase six Cessna aircraft, and he co-piloted surveys into Kenya, Ethiopia, Chad and Tanzania to launch MAF's first five African program. Despite facing political turmoil, hostility and rapid change in Africa, MAF continued to expand to meet growing needs across the world. With operations in Uganda, Madagascar and Mongolia, the fleet had expanded to 30 aircraft by the early 90's. Stuart had returned to the UK to head up MAF's operations in Folkestone, Kent, and raise awareness of its cause.

For 75 years, Stuart has been at the heart of an organisation which has grown and expanded beyond his comprehension. Since the initial hair-raising survey in 1948, MAF has held to its founding vision of using aviation to deliver humanitarian assistance without generating profit. Stuart committed to raising his own finances and survived on basic missionary funding from 1945 – 1986"

If you do a google search for Stuart King MAF you will be able to find many more inspiring and thrilling stories from his time of sacrificial service to MAF. For me personally, reading his stories, I am reminded of the importance of leaving a legacy in this world for His glory and to build His Kingdom. As we are instructed in 1 Peter 4:10, *"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."* Throughout his life, Stuart did indeed fulfill this instruction, and my prayer for us all is that we will also stay on track to what God has called us to use our gifts for and for what purpose, no matter what obstacles or set backs come our way.

Blessings,



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