



2024

Impact Report

Mission Aviation Fellowship International



Our Vision

To see isolated people changed
by the love of Christ.

Our Mission

Serving together to bring help,
hope and healing through aviation.



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Image: P2-MAI lands in Fiyak, Papua New Guinea.
Credit: Jonny Watson

Mission Aviation Fellowship International overcomes mountains, jungles, deserts and seas to provide access to people living in some of the world's most isolated communities.

1 billion people in the world today are living remotely, many of them without access to basic services.

Experts in remote humanitarian aviation, MAF breaks down barriers that prevent people from accessing what they need.

Where infrastructure is virtually non-existent and basic services are far away, MAF International's fleet of 55 light aircraft serving in 11 countries make a way where there is no other way.

Motivated by God's love, we believe that no person, regardless of where they were born, should go without education, medical services, development opportunities, or the love of Christ, and we partner tirelessly with NGOs, charities and faith organisations to get them to where they need to be.



Image: 5X-SCO at the newly opened airstrip in Torput, South Sudan. Credit: Dave Forney

Whether it's flying personnel and cargo into isolated regions or transporting those in need to where help is located, MAF provides a way, overcoming geography, distance, conflict and economical barriers.

We have been here for isolated people since 1945, and we will continue to be here for decades to come, because no man, woman or child should suffer due to a lack of access.

In 2024



624
staff



55
aircraft



564
destinations



1,852,797
kg transported



1,200
organisations
served



17,663
hours flown



3,534,078
km flown



421
medevac flights



The community gathers at Torput, South Sudan.
Credit: Dave Forney



Søren Filbert

MAF International Board Chair



Looking back on almost 80 years of MAF’s history, the Lord has been gracious to our vision “To see isolated people changed by the love of Christ” and our mission, “Serving together to bring help, hope, and healing through aviation.”

We can see through many years of ups and downs how God has been working. Whilst every year is significant to our history, some years are particularly transformative. I believe 2024 was one of those years.

In September, the leadership of all MAF International entities came together and agreed upon a ‘Resolution of Integration’ – a commitment for all our separate parts in the nations that make up the MAF International family to become one whole organisation in unity.

It was collectively agreed that in order to grow and succeed in reaching more isolated people, we needed radical change to our current structure.

This was a blessed milestone in MAF’s history, and we now embark on a long-term journey of change to make this a reality.

When we come together as one, we are able to have more impact – which means that children like Tonjara (page 24) in Madagascar and Geoffrey (page 34) in Uganda can receive life-changing surgery, evangelists like Daniel can spread the Good News in Tanzania (page 29) and students in Wanakipa, Papua New Guinea, can continue to access education (page 26).

2024 was a year of financial challenge and we look to our resourcing teams to increase our income in a difficult fundraising landscape, never taking for granted those who support our work financially.

We are grateful for your prayers and support – please pray for an abundance of resources, the integration process, the whole MAF family, and for all the isolated people that we serve.



Dave Fyock

MAF International CEO

I know without a doubt that the heart of any organisation is its people. I am so thankful for our staff who work around the globe to accomplish our mission and fulfil our vision. Because of their willingness to faithfully serve in often difficult settings, our aviation services brought help, hope and healing to remote and isolated communities providing a lifeline to the outside world.

To accomplish our mission, we work closely with many other organisations. I think of a flight in 2024 where we flew nine beautiful babies suffering with hydrocephalus from Juba, South Sudan, to the Cure Children’s Hospital in Uganda where they received life-changing medical treatment that brought healing to their bodies and hope to their mothers (page 34).



Far left image: Delivering cement to Mamusi, Papua New Guinea.
Credit: Ashley Leyenhorst
Left image: CURE patients disembarking the aircraft, Uganda.
Credit: Charles Nambasi Waniale
Right image: Maasai people of Red Tribe, Kenya.
Credit: Paula Alderblad



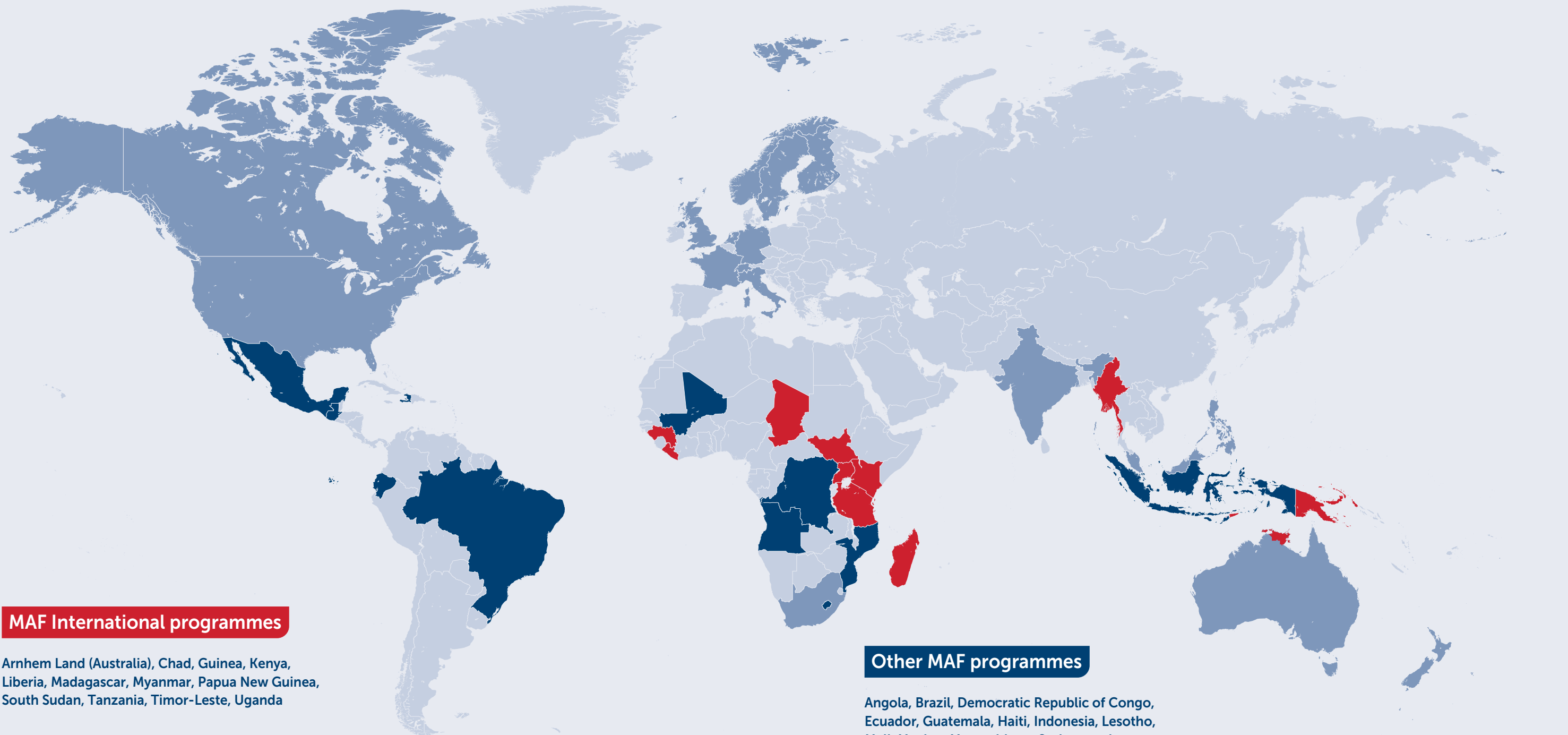
With no road into the village, MAF has been the lifeline for the school in Mougulu, Papua New Guinea. In 2024 the school graduated 23 students in its first ever graduation ceremony (page 37). Because of MAF, there is bright hope for a future.

There are many more stories of men and women, boys and girls being impacted physically and spiritually. Each very personal. Each deeply transformative. Each one life-changing to those who were blessed by the services we provide.

The work we undertake to reach isolated communities only happens because of numerous people who give financially, pray faithfully and work tirelessly to provide the resources we need to accomplish our mission.

As Christians, motivated by God’s great love for us, we take great joy in serving those who face daily hardship and struggle. Whether carrying critical supplies into a remote community, or flying passengers who need medical attention, often fighting for their life, we cherish the ability to touch lives in a profound way. In these pages you will see some of the impact that together we have had in 2024.

Where we Work



MAF International programmes

Arnhem Land (Australia), Chad, Guinea, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, South Sudan, Tanzania, Timor-Leste, Uganda

MAF International support offices

Australia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, India, Italy, Malaysia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Philippines, Singapore, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, UK

Other MAF programmes

Angola, Brazil, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Indonesia, Lesotho, Mali, Mexico, Mozambique, Suriname plus two restricted access nations.

Sister organisations

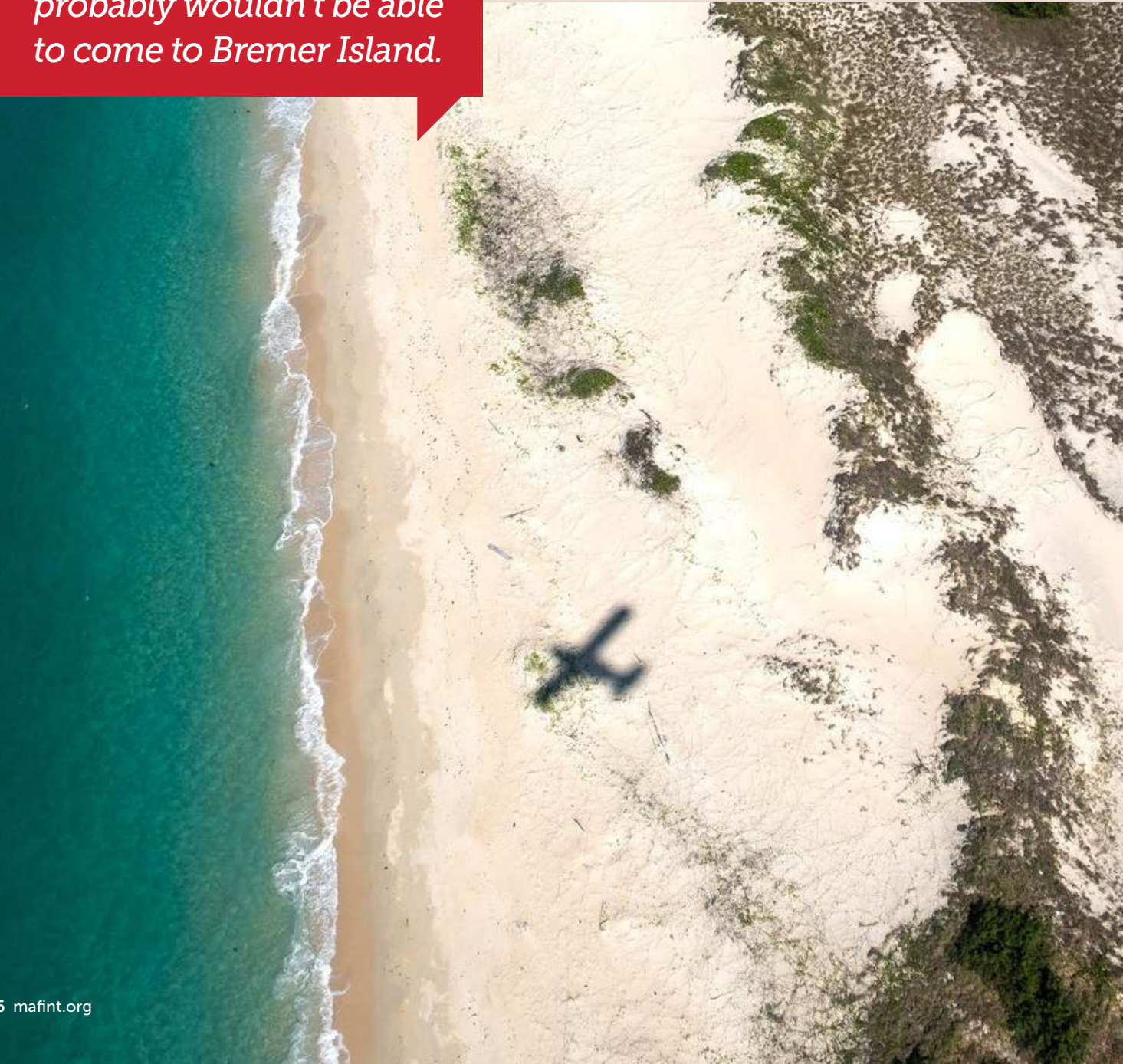
MAF Canada, MAF US

Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) is a family of organisations with different operations across the world. MAF International oversees 12 programmes in Africa and the Asia-Pacific region. Other members of the MAF family include MAF Canada and MAF US, along with various MAF affiliates who oversee other programmes in 14 other countries.

Arnhem Land

(Australia)

Without MAF, we probably wouldn't be able to come to Bremer Island.

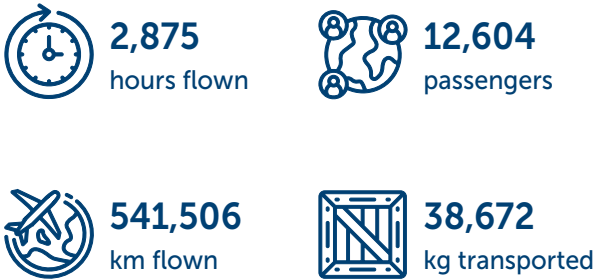


What we do:

- ✓ Development
- ✓ Education
- ✓ Medical & Health



Statistics:



Fleet:



Flying nurses

"Some of our homelands are 250km from the nearest town," said Nurse Rowie from Laynhapuy Health Services. "So, there's no access to a GP, and there's no access to a chemist where people can just run in and get Panadol (paracetamol)."

Gutjangan on Bremer Island is a small homeland community without a health clinic and without easy access to the mainland, despite the relatively short distance.

"Without MAF, we probably wouldn't be able to come to Bremer Island," Rowie said. "Especially throughout the wet season, MAF has been able to transport our nurses, delivering healthcare to all of the northeast Arnhem Land homelands. They are angels and do beautiful, heart-centred work for us."

"There's no clinic over here, so we get in, transport all our nursing equipment under a tree, roll out one of the mats, and we set up under the tree clinic."

In the remote communities, many conditions are debilitating and potentially life-threatening if left untreated.

"With early diagnosis we can start treating people as soon as these conditions are detected, and early treatment can make a huge difference."

"The Laynhapuy Health team can make a positive impact by bringing medical care directly to Yolngu people, and that empowers them to continue living in their traditional homelands."

Empowerment at all levels is a key value shared by MAF.

"Help, hope and healing are core aspects of our mission," said Matt Henderson, Country Director of MAF in Arnhem Land.

"We use our aircraft and collaborate with local healthcare agencies that work to bring about lasting change in the lives of the Yolngu people in Arnhem Land," he said. "And this coincides with MAF's mission to bring help, hope and healing into remote spaces."

Far left image: Flying over Bremer Island. Credit: Janne Ryttonen
Left image: Clinic under a tree. Credit: Janne Ryttonen

WHERE WE WORK

Chad

Promoting the Teda language

For more than 25 years, Odji Mahumut has worked alongside his colleague, Mark Ortman, to record and promote the Teda language. The Teda people live remotely in the extreme north of Chad. Without MAF, this work would be incredibly difficult.

Mark explains, “In Bardai, Odji is essential. When MAF flights come through, he’s the one who makes sure that the Teda people can get a seat if there’s space available.

MAF is providing a big benefit for our people.

“For a journey that could take days on dangerous roads, MAF’s planes make it in just four hours. We came to Chad in 1993 and went up to the far north to Bardai, just south of the Libyan border. From the very start, MAF has been a part of our ministry.”

MAF’s work is a lifeline for the Teda people’s most urgent needs.

“Sometimes,” Odji said, “a sick person needs treatment in N’Djamena, and they simply couldn’t make it by road.”

MAF’s flights have enabled people to access medical care and bring much-needed supplies to the remote hospital in Bardai. MAF brings not just doctors and medical supplies but also books in the Teda language.

Odji continued, “MAF is providing a big benefit for our people. They help our language move forward, and they meet our health needs. There’s so much they do – more than I can explain.”

What we do:

- ✓ Faith & Hope
- ✓ Development
- ✓ Medical & Health



Statistics:



Fleet:



Find out more about MAF’s crucial work in Chad!

WHERE WE WORK

Guinea

Assistance after horror bus crash

MAF joined a massive rescue effort after a horrific bus crash in Guinea which killed 16 people and left more than 50 injured.

The authorities called for help from aviation operators following the tragedy when a tyre blow-out caused the long-distance bus to plunge into a ravine during its journey in the south of the nation.

MAF flew seven patients who had suffered head trauma, spinal injuries and fractures, accompanied by local medical staff, from Nzerekore to the capital Conakry on two separate flights.

MAF has borne fruit!

Colonel Alseni Camara, prefect of the town of Nzerekore, a southeastern region 1000km from Conakry, expressed gratitude for the involvement of MAF:

“We would really like to thank the support which frankly relieved us today, given the seriousness of the accident, we had difficulties with our patients.

“We have seen that the government’s effort has borne fruit and MAF has also borne fruit, not only in helping these patients. Congratulations to MAF. We always stand by them, and we are ready to support them.”

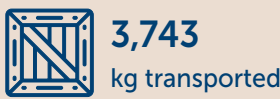
Left image: Odji Mahumut, Chad. Credit: Paula Alderblad
Right image: Loading the patient, Guinea. Credit: Joel Conte

What we do:

- ✓ Faith & Hope
- ✓ Development
- ✓ Medical & Health



Statistics:



Fleet:



Kenya

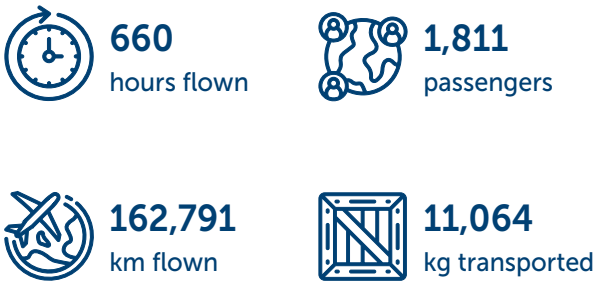
By using the MAF flight, we are sure the supplies will reach the affected people quickly.

What we do:

- ✓ Development
- ✓ Faith & Hope
- ✓ Medical & Health



Statistics:



Fleet:



Responding after devastating floods

MAF went on a critical mission to deliver medical supplies to parts of northern Kenya amid cholera concerns following devastating flooding in May.

In partnership with Sign of Hope, 600kg of cargo arrived to help combat cases of cholera. On board the flight were staff from Sign of Hope to help with the distribution to the residents of North Horr and Dukana.

200 households received blankets, sleeping mats, collapsible jerrycans, Plumpy Nut supplements, mosquito nets, bar soap and medical supplies including malaria and cholera test kits, aqua tabs, and oral rehydration solutions (ORS).

Asher Abayo, the Regional Field Coordinator at Sign of Hope, who was on board the flight to North Horr, shared their reasons for working with MAF and local authorities to promote community health and sustainable development initiatives.

“Most of the roads in these locations have become impassible after the floods, but by using the MAF flight, we are sure the supplies will reach the affected people quickly.

“With a lot of water left stagnant after the rains, there’s a lot of breeding places for mosquitoes which bring about malaria and with the provision of mosquito nets, a lot of families can be protected.”

Left image: Delivering supplies to northern Kenya.
Credit: Jacqueline Mwende
Below image: Unloading at Dukana, Kenya.
Credit: Jacqueline Mwende



WHERE WE WORK

Liberia

Helping girls stay in school

Missionaries from the United States took a MAF flight from Liberia's capital Monrovia to the remote community of Zwedru, bringing hope to girls who often miss school days because of their periods.

"We are very blessed and grateful to MAF for providing not only flights to Zwedru but also all our supplies, making a big difference in what we are doing," said Judy Rink, Director of Discipleship and Missions at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Our team is excited to partner with MAF!

Church sewing groups in the United States have sewn thousands of 'Days for Girls' washable feminine hygiene kits that Immanuel and the organisation, Dignity for Girls, has helped collect and distribute to Liberian Children's Ministry.

"The menstrual pad has helped in keeping schoolgirls in class. In the absence of pads, female students missed classes due to their period, affecting their health and education," Judy said.

The team is now shifting focus to empower the village women to sew a simple washable pad pattern that the Immanuel team developed.

"Our trip to Zwedru is mainly to train schoolgirls and women on how to produce washable and usable menstrual pads," Judy said.

"We have provided manuals and conducted sewing workshops to empower students, women, and teachers."

On the reaction from the girls, Judy says, "There has been so much joy! MAF has been wonderful. Our team is excited to partner with MAF."

What we do:

- ✓ Faith & Hope
- ✓ Medical & Health
- ✓ Development



Statistics:

 **524**
hours flown

 **2,216**
passengers

 **129,310**
km flown

 **13,942**
kg transported

Fleet:

 **2x C208B**



Image: Making sanitary pads, Liberia. Credit: Immanuel Lutheran Church

WHERE WE WORK

Myanmar

Serving with technology

Whilst MAF International does not operate aircraft in Myanmar, the team on the ground seeks to have an impact supporting remote communities through its MAF Technologies projects.

In 2021, due to the escalating civil situation in the country, MAF paused airstrip development in Myanmar, and will resume the completion of the project when safety and security allows. Prior to this, MAF had been building an airstrip to serve the isolated community of Lailenpi, Chin State, with a view to eventually beginning a flight programme there.

What we do:

- ✓ Technologies
- ✓ Development



Since then, and throughout 2024, MAF has retained a presence of staff in the country and continues to build partnerships with local organisations to achieve our aim of bringing help, hope and healing to remote people, particularly through the use of technologies.

"We have been focused on maintaining relationships with authorities and partners, while also working to establish new strategic connections that will support our future flight operations when the time is right to serve the isolated communities of Myanmar," says Chad Tilley, Myanmar Country Director.



Image: The airstrip assessment team was greeted by the community in 2016. Credit: LuAnne Cadd

Madagascar

Every time we see the MAF plane arriving, we are happy.



What we do:

- ✓ Faith & Hope
- ✓ Medical & Health
- ✓ Development



Statistics:

 914 hours flown

 2,806 passengers

 215,023 km flown

 33,518 kg transported

Fleet:

 1x C208

 2x C182



Bringing doctors to surgery

Tonjara has a cleft lip, the only person in his village of 4,000 inhabitants to have it. He was teased and unhappy, he only knew one other child who had a cleft lip, but he was no longer alive. Tonjara says, “The boy was poor and probably got too little food.”

MAF flew a devoted team of doctors from the Madagascan capital, Antananarivo, to the remote village of Sahakevo where the medical staff used their time to serve the people as volunteers, giving treatment until late in the evening.

Hover Aid brings teams to 12 remote and isolated villages in Madagascar every year. They wouldn’t be able to reach eight of these villages without MAF flights.

Tonjara’s father, Nirina says: “He does not look like other kids. That is why we want to have the surgery. The other kids make fun of him and that is sad.

“We don’t have enough land; we are many siblings, and it is not enough for all of us. People in this village sometimes die, because they don’t have enough money to visit a hospital, it would take us days to get there. It is very expensive to go to other places, so we are very happy to have the doctors coming here!

“Every time we see the MAF plane arriving we are happy, because we know that they are bringing a health team that will be able to treat people among us that are struggling with different health issues.”

Following the surgery, Tonjara was able to smile with a new confidence!



Far left image: Tonjara awaits surgery, Madagascar.

Credit: Paula Alderblad

Above image: Tonjara has surgery. Credit: Paula Alderblad

Left image: Aircraft lands in Sahakevo, Madagascar.

Credit: Paula Alderblad

Papua New Guinea

If MAF wasn't here, services in Wanakipa would cease to operate.



What we do:

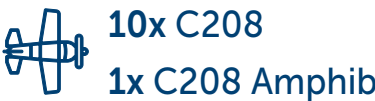
- ✓ Development
- ✓ Medical & Health
- ✓ Education



Statistics:



Fleet:



Supporting schooling in Wanakipa

Wanakipa Primary School headmaster Howard Hungi summed up the isolation of his community as he declared, "If MAF wasn't here, I believe that all services in Wanakipa would cease to operate."

"With no road access, the community cannot access basic services and the school is unable to get educational materials and resources for the students," Mr Hungi said.

The headmaster stressed that the only viable method to transport goods and services is through MAF's aviation service.

"All new school building materials and supplies were delivered by MAF, enabling the operations in Wanakipa Primary School," he added. "Every schoolbook we have in our library was flown in by MAF."

Left image: Students at Wanakipa Primary School, Papua New Guinea. Credit: Matt Painter

Bringing the light

MAF Technologies continues to support remote locations in Papua New Guinea by providing, amongst other things, solar installations and HF Radio installations to communities cut off from the outside infrastructure. In October, MAF visited Telefomin to see how reliable electricity, made possible by solar kits, has changed lives.

"The solar kit supplied to us has made a big difference in our life, particularly at night. As a mother of four, I can do my responsibilities at home, while the kids can finish their assignments and schooling at night for the first time."

– Metuk Rotie, Telefomin resident



Samuel Walo, one of Wanakipa's students, dreams of one day becoming a doctor and shares his struggles because of the isolation of his village:

"Children in town are very lucky that they can have easy access to school where they get proper education and can pursue their dreams. But I hope that one day I would become a doctor, and I know that I can become that."

Mr Hungi described the alternative method of travel to the nearest town. "It would take a two-day journey by foot through bush tracks, and there are robbers, tribal enemies and hold ups along the way. You know, it's not a good area. It's very volatile.

"Thanks to MAF, I am here today, and I firmly believe that without their presence, essential services in Wanakipa, including Wanakipa Primary School, would cease to function. Truly, it's because MAF is here that I can be here."

Above image: Community members receiving solar kits, Telefomin, Papua New Guinea. Credit: Kowara Bell

WHERE WE WORK

Timor-Leste

Saving lives with medevacs

Natacio Gusmão, a baby boy from Atauro Island, suffered from an intense fever and required emergency medical treatment for his condition. He lives in Adara, a remote coastal village located on the western coast of the island of Atauro, where there is no road connecting it to the island’s main town, Vila Maumeta, on the eastern coast.

When he started feeling unwell, his parents had to take a local boat owned by the community to bring him to the main healthcare centre in Vila Maumeta, which took them two hours. After they reached the healthcare centre, the nurses performed a check-up and identified that he had a wound in his throat and a high fever, which caused convulsions and abdominal distention, necessitating special treatment.

The MAF flight saved my son’s life.

MAF was called to transfer Natacio to the National Hospital Guido Valadares (HNGV) in Dili, flying being the only option to save him from his critical condition in time.

Natacio’s father, Abio, explained how the medevac saved his son’s life.

“The MAF flight was very helpful for us and saved my son’s life during this tough situation when there seemed to be no hope for us; I’m thankful to MAF for providing us with a safe flight that helped us arrive in Dili quickly compared to traveling by boat, and it saved our son!”

What we do:

- ✓ Medevacs
- ✓ Development

Statistics:



Fleet:



Image: Baby Narcisio returns home, Timor-Leste.
Credit: Lobitos Alves

WHERE WE WORK

Tanzania

Hope for the Maasai

Daniel Siang’au has been cursed by his neighbours, had his flock stolen and been shot in the face – but he is now seeing healing and peace in his remote Tanzanian village.

The evangelist, who came to faith in 1998, suffered years of persecution before former rivals embraced Christianity. Daniel proposed the development of an airstrip where MAF aircraft could bring a team from Malambo Bible School to preach in Lemugur in northern Tanzania.

MAF provided transport for evangelists on the Malambo Safari to several Maasai villages, allowing them four nights of teaching and discipling.

The airstrip not only serves the evangelists, but also brings healthcare.

One of those flights in February brought the team to Lemugur, where Daniel talked about his passion to share his good news. “As time passed, I felt a profound calling to share the Gospel within my own village, where Christianity was not known,” he said.

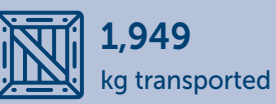
But Daniel reflected on how much hearts had changed. A former adversary told him, “Let us allow the development of the airstrip. It will not only serve the evangelists but also bring healthcare through MAF’s mobile clinics.”

In 2024, MAF flights visited Lemugur 15 times, allowing Maasai Christians to continue their ministry, as well as granting vital access to other partners who bring healthcare and support to this remote region.

What we do:

- ✓ Faith & Hope
- ✓ Medical & Health

Statistics:



Fleet:



Image: Evangelism in the Maasai community.
Credit: Jacqueline Mwende

South Sudan

The weekly MAF shuttle was a game changer for us.

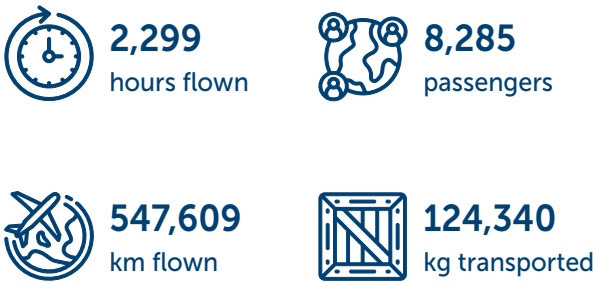


What we do:

- ✓ Development
- ✓ Faith & Hope
- ✓ Medical & Health



Statistics:



Fleet:



Saving babies, one flight at a time

Weekly MAF flights serve the IDAT Hospital in Tonj bringing medicine and equipment, staff and patients in and out of the remote town.

The IDAT (In Deed And Truth) Hospital saw 60,000 patients last year coming with every condition from tummy bugs to advanced malaria.

Baby incubators, oxygen concentrators, snake anti-venom and rabies treatment arrive on MAF planes linking the isolated community in Warrap State with South Sudan’s capital Juba.

Patients are often transferred on MAF flights and many staff regularly travel in and out of the hospital with MAF.

IDAT founder Suzy Kuj says, “We really couldn’t do what we do without MAF!

“Our missionaries wouldn’t be able to be here. Our medicine wouldn’t be here. We rely on MAF for our resources. The weekly MAF shuttle was a game changer for us. It has enabled our missionaries to be on the ground long term.

“If we have patients, we can send them out without having to charter the entire plane. This has saved us a huge amount of money which has enabled us to put more money into buying medicine and other things that are needed.

“I love knowing that flight is going to be there each and every week.”



Far left image: The weekly shuttle. Credit: Jenny Davies
Above image: Transporting medicine. Credit: Jenny Davies
Left image: Accessing treatment at IDAT Hospital. Credit: Jenny Davies

Uganda

We could not do this without MAF.



What we do:

- ✓ Development
- ✓ Faith & Hope
- ✓ Medical & Health



Statistics:

 **2,347**
hours flown

 **7,003**
passengers

 **544,168**
km flown

 **18,920**
kg transported

Fleet:

 **1x C208**

 **3x C208B**

 **1x C206**

Feeding hungry children

The Karamoja region, located in the northeast of Uganda is infamous for its food insecurity through much of the year. But a school that provides break-time porridge and lunch for children that attend classes has become a ray of hope to families that have their children enrolled there.

Akigyeno nursery and primary school, in Karamoja's Napak district was started by Ezekiel 37 Ministry, a Texan organisation that works in Uganda.

MAF flies Ezekiel 37 Ministry to Moroto district, from where they can drive to Napak in slightly below an hour.

"MAF flights are very vital, we could not do this without them because it takes us two days to fly from the US to Uganda, and we would lose another two days driving to this place and returning to Kampala. MAF flights save us a lot of time," said Rebecca Sekamanya, Director, Ezekiel 37 Ministry.

Akigyeno school's head teacher Alex Okello noted, "We are trying our best to provide meals to the kids and the meals are attracting the children to stay in school."

"The families appreciate that the children can get at least a meal a day when they come to school," said Rebecca.



Left image: Providing food. Credit: Damalie Hirwa. Above image: School children receiving lunch, Uganda. Credit: Damalie Hirwa

Medical & Health



Flights for disabled children, South Sudan

In August, MAF flew seven babies and their carers from Juba to the CURE Children’s Hospital of Uganda in Mbale to receive treatment for neurological conditions such as hydrocephalus – treatment that is unaffordable and inaccessible in South Sudan. Pilot Matt Marples says, “The cost of having surgery like this in Juba is so prohibitive that it effectively can’t be done. So many of the people we fly wouldn’t otherwise have access to treatment.”

Enabling surgery, Uganda

In November, surgeons flown by MAF gave help and healing to a ten-year old boy who had suffered with a wrist injury for years. Geoffrey suffered a dislocation that led to compartment syndrome. Various failed treatments left him almost paralysed in his hand. But MAF flights enabled a team from Ohana One and Pipeline Worldwide to bring life-changing surgeries to Gulu and Moyo in northern Uganda. “I will be very happy to use my two hands again!” says Geoffrey.



Top image: Boarding the plane to reach treatment. Credit: Jenny Davies
Above image: Geoffrey after surgery. Credit: Annet Nabbanja
Right image: Pascoal de Jesus, Maluk Timor, Timor-Leste. Credit: Lobitos Alves
Far right image: Baby Soavita, Madagascar. Credit: Mobile Hilfe Madagaskar



Battle against tuberculosis, Timor-Leste

In May, MAF’s fly-drive initiative enabled Maluk Timor, a non-governmental organisation working in partnership with the Ministry of Health, to reach isolated communities in the north-western area of Timor-Leste to roll out an improved programme for diagnosis and treatment of tuberculosis. Not only did MAF flights save the team hours on hilly and unreliable roads, but MAF were also able to be the link with local rental vehicles so that the team could go directly to the hospital and get straight to work, supporting local business in the process. “It really helped us a lot to connect with remote people in our site project,” said Pascoal de Jesus, Deputy Programme Manager of Tuberculosis.

Kompam health patrols, Papua New Guinea

MAF continued its partnership with Kompam District Hospital in Papua New Guinea, forming the vital link between remote villages and the hospital which supports community health workers in isolated aid posts throughout Enga Province. These patrols transport medical teams to carry out child immunisations, dental clinics, health clinics and care for pregnant mothers. MAF is also on call to perform medevacs where care cannot be provided in the community.



C-section medevac, Madagascar

When Norfinne went into labour at the side of an isolated road in Madagascar there was little chance of help. Thankfully, a truck driver was able to drop her at the nearest town but local medical staff quickly realised that without a caesarean section, the lives of Norfinne and her baby were at risk.

The nurse contacted MAF and a fast response was coordinated with partners Nehemiah Madagasikara, which would provide housing and food for the family, while Mobile Help Madagascar (MHM) would handle the life-saving surgery and the medical follow ups. Within hours, MAF had arrived to transport Norfinne to the capital Antananarivo.

Medical & Health Impact



4,891
hours flown



12,100
passengers



257,843
kg transported

Find out more
about MAF’s
medical, health and
medevac work!



WHAT WE DO

Faith & Hope

Image: Mama Koi with her audio bible.
Credit: Kowara Bell

Audio Bible for Mama Koi, Papua New Guinea

Mama Koi, an illiterate woman from Nalepa village, experienced a life-changing transformation through an audio bible donated by MAF Technologies. Unable to read or study the bible, she now listens to God's word in Tok Pisin, gospel music and bible studies daily. "I do not know how to read or study the bible," she says. "But this has overwhelmed me, and I am filled with joy to listen to God's word every day."



Baptisms with a water bottle, Tanzania

In May, MAF worked with a local church to bring bundles of clothes and the good news to three isolated villages in Tanzania. A group of men from the community were baptised with water from a MAF plane after hearing about Jesus when they approached the plane. "You have been a blessing for us," said Rev. Peter Fumbi. "Those who are supporting MAF are doing a very, very big job!"

MAF's motivation

The foundation of MAF's work is rooted in Christian faith. Inspired by Jesus's love for all people, we utilise aircraft to provide access to essential needs in the world's most remote regions.

Faith and spirituality play a vital role in the lives of people worldwide. Given this reality, a faith-sensitive programme approach that takes seriously the spiritual needs and beliefs of individuals and communities is crucial. This creates relationships built on trust and reciprocity, fostering partnerships of equals.

This holistic, faith-based perspective aligns with key humanitarian standards and the Human Rights-Based Approach (HRBA), recognising and respecting the dignity of all people. We assist the vulnerable, regardless of their faith, race, gender, or status.

Faith & Hope Impact



Find out more
about MAF's
faith-based
work!



WHAT WE DO

Education

Below image: Mougulu High School
graduates. Credit: Mandy Glass
Bottom image: Student's making use of
IEL's laptops, Liberia. Credit: Mark Hewes



Graduation day, Papua New Guinea

Mougulu High School's first graduation ceremony in December was a time to celebrate the achievements of students from isolated villages. MAF has been supporting the remote school in the Western Province of PNG since it was founded in 2020, often flying in teachers, food, building supplies and exam papers.

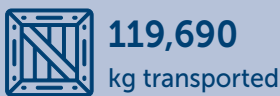
Mikiah Yabua arrived in Mougulu as a new graduate teacher but went on to become Deputy Principal, "The school is a vital need for people here in this remote place. Without the airstrip and MAF it would be impossible for our school to function."

Battery powered computer labs, Liberia

Innovative Education Liberia (IEL) provides opportunities for students and resources for educators through self-contained battery-powered computer labs loaded with video courses, Wikipedia, e-books and many other resources. In rural schools where there are often very few textbooks and no internet connectivity, the courses provided on IEL's laptops are helping students gain the knowledge needed to graduate or get jobs or go on to higher education. MAF transported containers of laptops and staff from Monrovia to Greenville.



Education Impact



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education
work!



Development

Below image: Clean water for Thur, Kenya. Credit: Paula Alderblad
Bottom image: Excitement over clear water, Kenya. Credit: Paula Alderblad
Right image: Gathering at the well, South Sudan. Credit: Dave Forney



Water filters for remote communities, Kenya

MAF transported a team from Water Matters Sweden to the remote village of Thur in northern Kenya to distribute water filters to local communities and schools. Meshack Gayere, a health officer and resident of Marsabit, said “Water filters are a lifeline for our community, ensuring clean, safe drinking water for our families.”

Marcus from Water Matters Sweden said, “We love partnering with MAF because MAF flies to many remote locations across the country where these water filters are needed. MAF’s longstanding presence and compassionate outreach to the community have forged a strong bond of trust. This has paved the way for Water Matters, in collaboration with residents, to provide clean water access to 17 villages, benefiting approximately 2,000 people.



Transporting vital cargo, Papua New Guinea

A regular flight to the remote community of Wanakipa brings connection to the outside world and access to vital commodities. Joe John is a local store owner who received goods for his shop. “I normally get cargo loaded and flown in from Tari. MAF helps me to get these things transported,” he said. “There’s no other way, place or other method where I could get freight such as this, only MAF helps by bringing freight down to Wanakipa.” With MAF, John can keep his shop well stocked, providing locals with essential goods and an income so that he can support his family.

Restoring water, South Sudan

MAF continued to support Every Village which focuses on providing every village in South Sudan with sustainable access to safe water, as well as access to the gospel through their radio network.

In January, Every Village travelled to repair a borehole in Mvolo which had been broken for some time. Pilot Dave said, “Every Village has realised how important it is to make a self-sustainable way for South Sudanese people to keep their boreholes going for a long, long time. So, they’ve started a project whereby local villages can contribute very small monthly fees to a co-op who then guarantees to provide the necessary maintenance and repair of the well and hand pump.”

Development Impact



12,108
hours flown



36,270
passengers



1,143,621
kg transported

Find out more
about MAF’s
development
work!



Women & Girls



Using MAF has made a huge difference for me.

Helping vulnerable girls, Uganda

In October, MAF flew Christina Stewart, co-founder of Impact Nation, which is dedicated to helping vulnerable teenage girls in Uganda. Impact Nation collaborates with local organisations to identify community needs, and in Uganda, they work together with Remnant Generation. Their mission has successfully led to the rescue of pregnant girls from the streets of Kampala, addressing pressing issues of sexual abuse and trafficking.

In Soroti, Christina hosted a seminar that brought together community leaders, including political figures, religious leaders, educators, and NGO representatives. The focus was on teen marriage, sexual exploitation, and teen pregnancies. Christina challenged the leaders to work together to create strategies for cultural change.

“Using MAF to get to different communities has made a huge difference for me,” Christina said.

Top image: Christina celebrates with the team in Mbale, Uganda.
Credit: Christina Stewart



Before MAF came to our village, mothers had a big challenge accessing healthcare.

Supporting mothers, Tanzania

Nurses can now offer life-saving medical care to a village on top of a mountain, thanks to MAF. Anna Fanuel, a happy mother, shares the joy of the mobile clinic: “Before MAF came to our village, mothers had a big challenge accessing medical care. Many of our children have died from diseases like measles and polio which can be prevented through vaccines. Mothers have had to travel long distances, walking for two days under the scorching sun in search for medical care. Some are unable to travel that long.”

Thanks to the support of MAF, the mobile clinics have opened doors for good maternal healthcare offering a lifeline to women and children within the Maasai community.

Top image: Happy, healthy babies, Tanzania.
Credit: Jacqueline Mwende

Menstrual health, Papua New Guinea

A powerful initiative organised by MAF’s Siobhain Cole is transforming the lives of young women in isolated communities, giving them confidence to stay in school. Access to basic menstrual health products is both limited and expensive in the remote regions of Papua New Guinea.

At Telefomin Secondary School, menstrual health workshops which provide reusable sanitary pads donated by a network of donors worldwide have significantly tackled this issue. The workshops have improved school attendance, with teacher Roanna saying, “Before we had these sessions, girls were not attending lessons because they don’t have those pads. Now I see that most of them are coming to classes. As a teacher, I am very happy about this!”





Find out more about MAF’s work in Papua New Guinea!

Bottom image: Helincy Rumat, Grade 12 student, Papua New Guinea. Credit: Mandy Glass

Caring for our Environment

In 2024, MAF International launched a bold environmental policy with a focus on cutting carbon emissions in proportion to our flying by 30% by 2035.

A new environmental management system, coupled with a strategy for sustainable aviation, embraces new technologies including the pursuit of electric hybrid aircraft, hydrogen-powered aviation, flight simulators and unmanned aerial vehicles. MAF International has engaged with several companies developing these technologies and is closely monitoring progress.

MAF recognises the need to make a positive contribution to creation care.



One major development is our advancement in the use of flight simulators, which play an important role in the reduction of carbon emissions from aircraft. Advanced simulators will be based at the flight schools at Teuge in the Netherlands and Cairns in Australia. Once these simulators are fully operational, they will replace approximately 800 aircraft flight hours which will lead to reducing carbon emissions by up to 5%.

In December, MAF International signed a deal with European flight simulation system builders Euramec to build a mission training solution based on the C208B Caravan.

Bert Buyle, CEO Euramec, said: "Euramec worked out a unique concept that caters exactly to the training needs for MAF pilots. The main flight training device (FTD) comes with a high-fidelity visual system with extended vertical views to allow for maximum immersion in the uniquely tough terrain MAF pilots operate in."

René Don, MAF International's Flight Simulator Project Lead, said: "We are very excited and proud to officially announce our partnership with Euramec for our next-generation Flight Sim solution of the Cessna C208B Caravan.

"Investment in this simulator will also bring cost and environmental benefits because it significantly reduces the number of hours in the air during training."

MAF recognises the need to manage our environmental impact and make a positive contribution to creation care. We believe this high-level roadmap will help us transform our operations while achieving this long-term goal.



Main image: N552HF at Harper, Liberia. Credit: Mark Hewes
Top image: The community gathers at Auwi, Papua New Guinea. Credit: Kowara Bell
Bottom image: MAF Training Centre student, Gavin Cochrane, in one of MAF's current flight simulators, Mareeba. Credit: Matt Painter

Our Fleet

In 2024, MAF International continued to develop and renew our fleet of aircraft. Due to the tremendous support of generous donors, MAF placed orders with aircraft manufacturer Textron for five new Cessna Caravans.

The first aircraft was delivered in April and is undergoing final preparations at MAF’s engineering centre in Mareeba, Australia, before being deployed in Papua New Guinea. In December, MAF received a C208 and a C208B EX. These will serve in Papua New Guinea and Madagascar respectively once modifications have been made.

Stewardship is at the heart of our fleet renewal. Even when aircraft reach the end of their most effective lifespan with our organisation, they can be sold so the proceeds can be put back into the purchase of new aircraft. Three such aircraft were sold in 2024, whilst two others were redeployed to more effective service in other MAF programmes.

Please join with us in giving thanks for God’s amazing provision and for working through the hearts of generous supporters who understand the impact aviation can have in isolated communities.



Stewardship is at the heart of our fleet renewal.



- Total fleet count**
- 3 Cessna 172
 - 6 Cessna 182
 - 3 Cessna 206
 - 16 Cessna 208
 - 14 Cessna 208B
 - 2 Cessna 208 Amphibious
 - 10 GA8 Airvan
 - 1 Vulcanair P68R

Top left image: GA8 Airvan, Arnhem Land. Credit: Janne Ryttonen
Bottom left and large image: New aircraft N9710M / P2-AFD destined for service in Papua New Guinea. Credit: Textron Aviation

Building Capacity

In 2024, MAF International began to expand the Kenya programme to become an east Africa resourcing hub – transitioning from being a programme that serves the isolated people of Kenya, to also becoming a programme that raises funds and recruits talent from within Africa.

I believe it's now that Africans can actually go out to serve



Image: Children gather at the airstrip, Red Tribe Loita Hills, Kenya.
Credit: Paula Alderblad



Country Director Susan Kigen-Kolum says, "MAF has been in Kenya for over 65 years and has supported a lot of partners and worked with so many organisations to reach the isolated communities in Kenya. Africa has historically been recipients of missions and missionaries to bring help, to bring hope to the communities that are isolated and those who have not received the gospel of Jesus Christ.

"Now, as far as mission work is concerned, the time has come, and I believe it's now that Africans can actually go out to serve.

"MAF International as an organisation cannot function without people. In Africa, you can get competent, qualified engineers, pilots, managers, finance managers or operations managers to provide the expertise to do the work that we have to do - reaching the isolated communities of the world."

Top image: The Kenya team celebrate the commissioning of Kenyan missionaries, Terry and Micheni Ruriani.
Credit: Hillim Gitonga

Bottom image: Engineer Gift Mposi prepares to serve in Liberia.
Credit: Jacqueline Mwende



Our Strategy

As we reflect on 2024, we are thankful for the progress made on our strategic priorities.



Expanding our horizons

- In 2024, MAF International continued to establish flight operations in Guinea, expand MAF Technologies work in Myanmar and plan expansion of our ministry into Bougainville, an autonomous region of Papua New Guinea - all with the aim of bringing help, hope and healing to more isolated people.
- We took steps in preparing for new technologies as they develop, keeping a close eye on new and green technologies which could transform opportunities in the future.



Investing in people

- We conducted our first international staff orientation on the African continent, reflecting the diversity of cultures joining the organisation, with staff travelling from Australia, Botswana, India, Kenya, New Zealand, Switzerland, Zambia, and Zimbabwe!
- In 2024, we celebrated the first solo flight of Finnish pilot, Iisakki Saari, in South Sudan. Iisakki's success, after joining MAF with limited pilot experience, is a testament to the effectiveness of our new pilot training pathways, which integrated the Mission Aviation Training Centre in the Netherlands, MAF's Uganda base, and instructors in South Sudan. Training can also be done from MAF's Training Centre in Mareeba, Australia. This approach allows new pilots to reach required standards quickly, enhancing the efficiency of our training programme.



Maximising impact

- In 2024, MAF International and its separate fundraising entities made a commitment to integrate into one organisation. This will enable us to maximise our efficiency and impact for years to come.
- The expansion of our IT team meant that we began to build a Global Data function, tasked with joining up our systems and data to enable us to make more data-driven, impactful decisions.

Looking to the Future



As MAF looks forward to celebrating its 80th anniversary in 2025, we are mindful of the constantly changing landscape in which we work. What remains unchanged, however, is our unwavering desire to serve the needs of isolated people the world over, bringing help, hope and healing to the people who otherwise would not have access.

As we look to the future, we are committed to building a fit-for-purpose organisation that puts the needs of isolated people first. We continue to build, expand and pioneer – in the same way that our founders pioneered in 1945 – to use aircraft as a tool for good and to see isolated people changed by the love of Christ.

Left image: Iisakki Saari, South Sudan. Credit: Jenny Davies

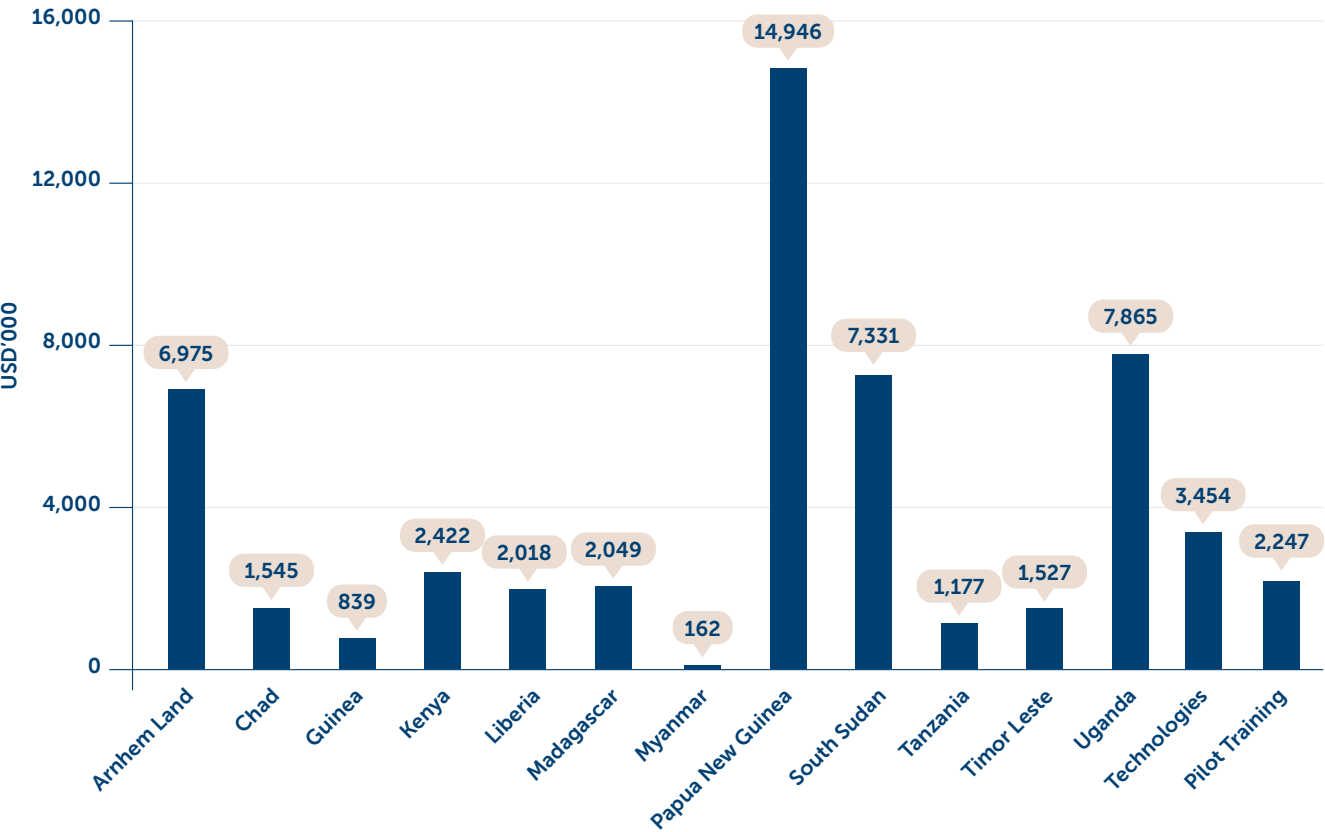
Top image: Children gather at Pyarulama, Papua New Guinea. Credit: Sara Schneidegger

Key Financial Indicators

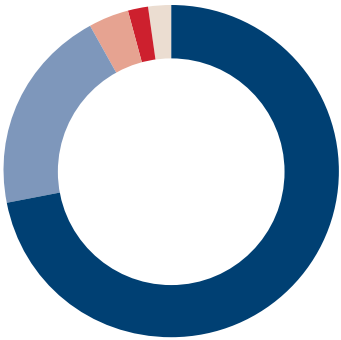
Image: N552HF at Harper, Liberia. Credit: Mark Hewes



Programme expenditure (USD'000)

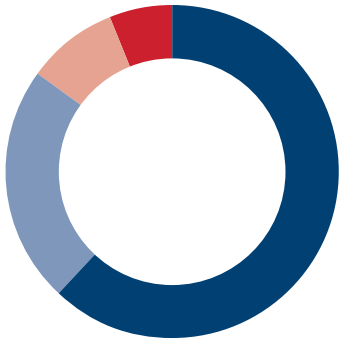


Income



■ Individuals, trusts and corporates	72%
■ Flying and other activities	20%
■ Governments	4%
■ Gifts in kind	2%
■ Other income	2%

Expenditure



■ Flying & other charitable activities	62%
■ Capital expenditure for aircraft, infrastructure etc.	23%
■ Raising funds	9%
■ Administration	6%
■ Medical and health	15%

Type of work



■ Development	57%
■ Faith and hope	15%
■ Medical and health	15%
■ Technologies	7%
■ Education	6%

Consolidated Income Statement

as at 31 December 2024
(Unaudited)

	31/12/2024 USD'000	31/12/2023 USD'000
Income		
Donations for core activities		
Unrestricted	26,114	20,476
Restricted	9,917	13,705
Restricted grants from institutions	2,544	1,676
Restricted donations for capital projects	21,658	5,684
Income from flying and other charitable activities	15,703	15,526
Gifts in kind	1,243	1,204
Other income	1,755	3,445
Total	78,934	61,716
Expenditure		
Flying and other charitable activities	54,558	50,434
Raising funds	8,123	8,094
Administration	4,943	4,776
Total	67,624	63,304
Core operating result*	11,310	(1,588)

*This does not include capital expenditure, see reconciliation to final operating result below.

Financial result

Net revaluation of aircraft	2,666	3,640
Realised exchange gain/(loss)	682	273
Unrealised exchange gain/(loss)	(1,548)	(1,138)
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	13,110	1,187

Reconciliation to final operating result

Core operating result (as per above)	11,310	(1,588)
Add: funds held for capital purchases at 1 January	2,867	3,006
Less: Restricted purchases of capital (aircraft, infrastructure etc.)	(13,678)	(2,013)
Final operating surplus/(deficit) for the year	499	(595)

Consolidated Balance Sheet

as at 31 December 2024
(Unaudited)

	31/12/2024 USD'000	31/12/2023 USD'000
Assets		
Long-term assets		
Tangible and intangible fixed assets	89,135	77,973
Other financial assets	2,336	2,797
Subtotal	91,471	80,770
Current assets		
Inventory	3,360	3,268
Short-term receivables and prepayments	8,907	8,768
Cash and bank accounts	43,793	42,196
Subtotal	56,060	54,232
Total assets	147,531	135,002
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Short-term payables and accruals	5,061	7,211
Other liabilities and deferred revenue	6,228	5,093
Subtotal	11,289	12,304
Long-term liabilities		
Deferred tax and resettlement provisions	3,208	2,774
Total liabilities	14,497	15,078
Net assets	133,034	119,924
Funds and reserves		
Fixed asset funds (restricted and designated)	89,135	77,974
Other restricted funds	10,769	11,263
General reserves	33,130	30,687
Total funds and reserves	133,034	119,924

Partnerships & Accreditations

MAF International is proud to have strategic partnerships with:

- Engineering Ministries International (EMI)
- Medair
- Mercy Ships

MAF International operates as part of the following networks and accreditations, or receives funding from the following organisations:

- Australian Council for International Development (ACFID)
- Directorate-General for European Civil Protection & Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG-ECHO)
- European Christian Organisations in Relief & Development (EU-CORD)
- New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade (NZ MFAT)
- Northern Territory Government, Australia
- Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC)
- US Accord



Find out more about our partnership with Mercy Ships!

Main image: Mercy Ships in partnership with MAF.
Credit: Antsa Randrianasolo
Right image: Crowds gather at the new airstrip in Torput, South Sudan. Credit: Dave Forney

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