

2016

Mission Aviation Fellowship

The Annual Report of MAF South Africa



OUR VISION

TO SEE ISOLATED PEOPLE PHYSICALLY AND SPIRITUALLY
TRANSFORMED IN CHRIST'S NAME

OUR PURPOSE

SHARING GOD'S LOVE THROUGH AVIATION AND
TECHNOLOGY

OUR VALUES

EMBODIED IN SIX KEY WORDS: IMPACT, WITNESS,
PARTNERSHIP, CARE, EXCELLENCE AND STEWARDSHIP

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WHAT IS MAF?

Mission Aviation Fellowship South Africa supports the worldwide work of MAF, a Christian organisation whose mission is to fly light aircraft, and to use other technologies to bring help, hope and healing to people in some of the world's poorest communities.

Globally, an MAF aeroplane takes off or lands every four minutes in countries where flying is not a luxury but a lifeline.

We work with thousands of churches, local groups, relief and development organisations and

national government agencies. Together we deliver practical, medical and spiritual care in places with the deepest human need. In many countries, insecurity can render road travel highly dangerous.

MAF's fleet of light aircraft enables access to remote communities, connecting those in need with those that can help. Even in places where it is safe to travel, there may be no roads or, if roads exist, they can become impassable for months at a time due to adverse weather conditions such as heavy flooding.

MAF South Africa focuses on recruiting skilled pilots, aircraft engineers, and management missionaries for overseas roles; raising prayer partners to fuel the work of MAF; and raising financial support for the people we serve around the world.

Whether landing in deserts or jungles, on lakes, rivers, tracks or roads, MAF planes transport essential medical care, food, water, relief teams, and church workers to those in desperate need.



Be Part of Something Bigger is a MAF video that we show when telling people about our work. Whenever I watch it I am in awe of how God used three willing pilots to start an organisation that has grown monumentally and impacted millions of lives around the world. I wonder if they knew how impactful their step of obedience was going to be. MAF truly is a lifeline to people in isolated areas and we really are part of something that is so much bigger than we could ever fully grasp.

2016 was another year of great impact for MAF worldwide, with new programs being opened in Liberia and Myanmar. Our aircraft, 5Y-EST and 5X-SCO, are doing more flying hours in Kenya, South Sudan and Uganda. Our pilot families are taking on more responsibilities and learning in new areas. MAF South Africa had their first visit to our missionary families and programme in Papua New Guinea and we pledged to raise funds for a new Cessna Caravan.

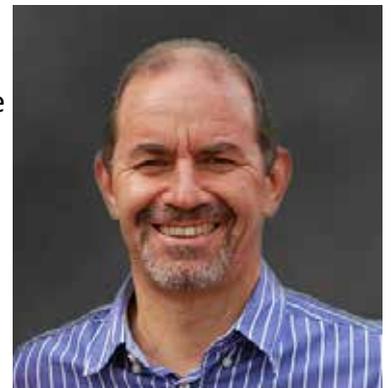
The Flying for Life initiative in South Africa also grew from strength to strength. We see the importance of having a global reach but we also realise there is a need within our own country and Flying for Life is helping to address these needs.

Altogether 2016 was a God year, a year where our faith was tested. We learned to work from a place of actively resting in the Lord, we had to put into practice Proverbs 3:5-6, trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths.

Maxine Holman
CEO of MAF South Africa

When Jesus says in John 14:12 “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do”, we can testify that we have seen God do great works through obedient people in MAF and FFL in 2016. We have seen the sick healed, eyes opened and the gospel being spread to the ends of the earth.

In our local MAF office in South Africa, we have been blessed to be able to support our mission families in the field financially, spiritually and emotionally through our involvement and visits. In 2017/8, we will again visit some of our families in the field. We have also been able to contribute to aircraft and projects in other MAF programmes around the world through the generosity of our donors. Our greater involvement globally has increased our impact as we work together with MAF International, ministering in 37 countries worldwide.



Locally we are excited to see the impact that our Flying for Life (FFL) initiative has had in Venda and Northern KZN. Through doctors, cancer-councillors, teachers and many more, we have seen peoples' sight restored, people being educated and exposed to the gospel.

In these challenging times worldwide, we are excited to see how God is protecting, sustaining and expanding the work of MAF, FFL and our partners. We believe that He will give us the desires of our heart (Ps 37:4) of proclaiming the gospel to all nations. Soli Deo Gloria!

Braam van den Berg
Chairman of MAF South Africa

MAF International

Programmes ● **Resourcing Offices** ○

- Arnhem Land
- Bangladesh
- Chad
- Kenya
- Liberia
- Madagascar
- Mongolia
- PNG
- South Sudan
- Tanzania
- Timor-Leste
- Uganda
- Australia
- Denmark
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Italy
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Norway
- Philippines
- Singapore
- South Africa
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- UK

MAF US

Programmes ● **Resourcing Offices** ●

- Aceh
- DRC
- Haiti
- Kalimantan
- Lesotho
- Papua
- Mozambique
- Nampa

MAF Canada

Programmes ● **Resourcing Offices** ●

- Angola
- Guelph



MAF Programmes and Resourcing Offices around the world.

Worldwide Statistics 2016

MAF serves in 26 countries worldwide with a fleet of 135 aircraft.

-  More than 60 000 Flights
-  1400 destinations
-  2000 organisations
-  1250 staff
-  39 000 hours
-  163,000 Passengers
-  7 million kg of freight

-  166 flights every day.
-  More than 12,000 nautical miles every day.
-  Takes off or lands every 4 minutes.
-  109 hours of flying per day.
-  445 passengers daily.
-  19,000 kg freight daily.



Pilot families sent from South Africa

The Liprinis

For such a time as this

Mark Liprini is now a full time member of the MAF Disaster response core team as a reserve or surge pilot. He will also be flying in at least two six-week secondments to various MAF programmes.

In 2016, whilst working in the Kenyan programme, Mark quickly transitioned into his MAF Disaster Response role. During the political turmoil in South Sudan, he responded by evacuating people, supporting MAF's partners and transporting aid into isolated regions.

It was during this treacherous time in Juba, South Sudan that Esther 4:14 was brought to Mark's attention. "And who knows but that

you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"

"And it was that last part of the verse that just stuck in my mind the whole morning. For such a time as this. Now, I'm certainly in no royal position.

"But I really believe that the Lord was saying, I've brought you here, I've positioned you here. And that was a great encouragement to me over the weeks. As I flew quite a lot and we moved quite a lot." Mark Liprini.

Lorraine trusted the Lord to protect her husband throughout his Disaster Response missions. She continued to work faithfully at their local church in Johannesburg.



The Liprinis by numbers for 2016

Joined MAF in 2001

Served in Kenya,
South Sudan and Uganda

167 hours flown



Providing Emergency Relief

South Sudan

When the capital of South Sudan experienced a crisis of violence in July 2016, it left thousands of people without food or water in remote communities.

For approximately a week, security clearance issues prevented UN flights from operating in most of the country. Programs still operating in remote areas unaffected by the violence began running low on supplies. At first, MAF flights were concentrated on evacuating people. Soon after, flights were made to deliver four tonnes of freight for Tearfund's nutrition program for pregnant and lactating mothers and children fighting acute malnutrition.

"Thanks for the important service that MAF is providing," Enkas Chau, Tearfund's area coordinator in Motot.

Haiti

When category 4 Hurricane Matthew struck the south westerly tip of Haiti early in the morning of 4 October 2016; the eye of the storm carved a path across Haiti's Tiburon Peninsula, devastating everything in its path.

MAF's established flight operation in Haiti was well positioned to assist.

A generous grant early on from the UK government's Department for International Development (DFID) along with MAF'S supporters' donations from around the world allowed the team to step up operations quickly, bringing in extra pilots and engineering staff to reach the populations in need.



78 Organisations flown



409 Disaster response flights



353.9 Aircraft flight hours



1,086 Passengers flown



25,839 Kg of cargo delivered

The Combrinks

Medical Safaris in the Rift Valley

The first few months of 2016 brought about many challenges, which affected flying for the MAF Tanzania programme. The monthly medical outreach that MAF facilitates from Haydom Lutheran Hospital, in the Mbulu District, was no exception.

Whether it was persistent rain, successive punctures or even hyenas attacking the plane overnight, each month something came up that made it impossible to visit every village on the clinic schedule.

April was the first month in 2016, and the first in six months, that MAF pilots were able to reach Gorimba, in the Rift Valley, with the medical outreach team from Haydom. Kirstein Combrink enjoys getting

stuck into the work of the clinics. He can be found working among the nurses assessing babies, recording vaccines and registering new patients.

“We have a small medical team due to the size of the aircraft we use for this outreach, and so I like contributing to as many people as possible receiving medical attention during the day’s clinic”. Kirstein Combrink.

During just one medical outreach, over 200 children and pregnant women were attended to. Prayer enabled MAF to reach the area again, and prayer is the only way that we can continue to reach every village. Amelia Combrink is working

as a teacher at Christchurch Christian International School in Tanzania and is also busy writing stories for MAF Tanzania communications.



Combrink by numbers for 2016

Joined MAF in 2012

Serves in Tanzania

16 organisations flown

210.7 hours flown



Providing Healthcare

Mongolia

MAF flew medical workers from Reaching the Light (RTL) from Ulaanbaatar to the town of Mandalgovi. MAF flies as Blue Sky Aviation in Mongolia. They travel at regular intervals to carry out assessments in remote communities where 30% of the nation’s nomadic people live.

Reaching The Light is a developmental centre based in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia which provides therapy services for children with special needs and parent training for their families. By the end of the day, the RTL team had assessed about 80 children.



Timor Leste

MAF Timor-Leste experienced one of its busiest months in 2016, completing 31 medical evacuation flights in September, transporting 37 patients. The situation that faces our medevac passengers is a daunting one in many ways. The patients generally arrive at the plane with one family member and a small bag of personal belongings; they often didn’t expect to be needing our medevac services that day. Pregnant women are the most common evacuation passengers, with complications involving blood loss occurring often; small babies and infants who are struggling to breathe from lung conditions; or victims of trauma such as road accidents or a boy who impaled his arm on a tree branch. The reasons for the flights vary, but the response of our pilots doesn’t. Our pilots seek to show the love of Christ to each patient and their family, during this time of tremendous distress, by transporting them to Dili and caring for them as lovingly as possible.

The Venters

Can you measure your impact?

In 2016, Brad began training as captain on the Twin Otter and took on the role of Crew Training Manager. Amongst Michelle's roles as wife and mother of three children, and her hospitality role for MAF, she was able to minister to the children of PNG and MAF through a holiday camp.

The year held a range of flights including medevacs, transporting missionaries or supplies for them, building materials for schools and churches and training.

"Sometimes flying the Twin Otter you can forget about the impact that our work has. In the business of the day and the need to keep the program going while making decisions about weather and airstrip

conditions amongst others, it is easy to just treat each flight and its load as exactly that, just a load. But if we take the time to speak with the passengers and find out the details of the story behind the flight, often we are amazed at what it has meant to the people involved and their communities in the bush.

How these simple flights are showing people the love of Christ, and bringing help to many people and spreading the word of God to the far reaches of the world. So, even a load of building materials has a story, and what a privilege to be part of these stories!" Brad Venter

A flight of cargo, a child receiving a friend, an encouraging word for a passenger, the Venters remind us

that we cannot underestimate the impact we are making in the work that God has called us to do.



The Venters by numbers for 2016



Joined MAF in 2010

Serves in Papua New
Guinea

430 hours flown

Rebuilding Communities

Liberia

Water Mission do water projects in health facilities across Liberia helping to rebuild Liberia's health system after the Ebola crises.

André Mergenthaler, Water Mission's Director International Projects, shares about the importance of MAF in their partnership.

"We have been active in 17 health facilities so far and could not have done without air lifts, as the roads to the interior are mostly terrible, often not accessible during the rains or sometimes no roads at all. MAF Liberia was and is instrumental to carry on our work in time and at all. We use MAF frequently for mission work in disasters and development and highly appreciate your service, we look at MAF as one of our close collaborative partners."

Papua New Guinea

Wobagen, a remote community in the mountains of Papua New Guinea received heavy corrugated roofing sheets and metal pipes for a church building. The community raised the money to buy these materials to build a church as the current one is old, unstable and made from bush materials.

"There's no road to Wobagen. The only way is by airplane," Francis, MAF's traffic officer explains. "To walk to Wobagen from Tabubil takes one week, depending on how fast you walk or how heavy your load is." It would take many weeks, and many people to carry the load for a week through the mountains.

The Eatwells

Medical Evacuations in the Jungle

Steven Eatwell received much training and experience in 2016 on complex airstrips in PNG. Mengamanau airstrip is 470m long with a 13% slope. Whilst training on this slope, there was much work to be done with two serious medivacs, a few transport flights of patients who needed medical care, and teachers who needed to reach their schools.

On one medevac, Loretta, a woman in labour, was flown to Rumginae Hospital from their remote village of Debepare in Papua New Guinea (PNG), an otherwise weeklong trip by boat and walking. Loretta and Eric, her husband, had a healthy baby boy who is now named after MAF pilot Steven Eatwell.

Camilla Eatwell has been busy not only looking after her family, but also volunteering at the local hospital. She delivers a medevac baby pack to patients that MAF has flown in.

God has used Rumginae Hospital to save countless lives, and their heart lies in assisting isolated people who have little access to medical services. Equally important is the spiritual health of the people. The two are inseparable.

Majority of the functioning rural health services are run by the church. MAF supports ministries of the doctors which involves transporting books and flights to people in remote locations, teaching men and women

the Biblical principals of God's power, sovereignty, and love.



Eatwell
by numbers for 2016

Joined MAF in 2014

Serving in Papua New
Guinea

497.2 hours flown



Saving lives in more ways than one

Papua New Guinea

Our MAF aircraft carry a Bible Box full of Tok Pisin Buk Baibels and some English Bibles, as well as little Bible dictionaries and commentaries, for distribution to the bush. The Bibles are provided by MAF Technology Services (in PNG known as CRMF) for sale at a hugely discounted price, affordable to many people in the bush. In addition the pilots also try and provide eye glasses to help the people out there to read the Bible.

In 2016, our Wewak based pilots Paul Woodington and Sebastian Kurz have distributed over one thousand bibles to the people in the Sepik plains and northern parts of the Highlands towards Telefomin and Mt Hagen.

Arnhem Land

There are many Yolŋu Matha languages in Arnhem Land but only one of these languages has the New Testament translated and there is only a small portion of Old Testament books, so no one has a complete Bible.

MAF was needed to help transport Indigenous Bible Translators from the remote communities of Milingimbi, Ramingining and Elcho Island. MAF was to bring them into Yirrkala so that a 2-day workshop could be held. The focus of this workshop was to provide an occasion where Bible translators could encourage one another and seek to find ways to move the translation work forward. This meeting in Yirrkala was a historic gathering of 16 Bible translators and Scripture in Use workers. Representing 10 language groups they met with Uniting Church representatives and AuSIL to plan how best to design and manage these projects. The meeting was such a success and will lead to the design of a work plan for the plan that involves Yolngu as key decision makers.

5Y-EST Serving in Kenya and South Sudan

Flying for Orphans

There is a remote village in the far northwest of Kenya, one of the most isolated regions of the country. The people from this dry desert area on the west side of Lake Turkana, the world's largest alkaline lake, have repeatedly experienced severe drought and famine in recent years. Many children there have lost their parents to HIV/AIDS.

In early September 2016, a team of 12 from SERVE International, flew with the MAF aircraft 5Y-EST to Lodwar to pick up six children who would make their new home at House of Hope. House of Hope was created by SERV and is an orphanage based in the town of Lodwar, capital of Turkana County.

In response to the region's famine and drought, SERV also started a large-scale feeding program that has now distributed over 12 million meals in Kenya while sharing Christ with those who had not yet heard the Gospel.

"We've been flying with MAF since my very first trip, and that was 10 years ago," Steve Kasha, Founder of SERV remembers. "The relationship that we formed with MAF is unbelievable, really."

Over the 11 days, they also distributed approximately 60,000 meals and shared Christ. The meals consist of 2.2-pound bags of dehydrated food.

South Sudan: 5Y-EST by numbers for 2016

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|---|----------------------------|
|  | 61 flights |
|  | 28 destinations |
|  | 169.1 hours flown |
|  | 400 passengers transported |
|  | 42 686 km flown |
|  | 24 646 kg of cargo |

Kenya: 5Y-EST by numbers for 2016

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|--|----------------------------|
|  | 100 flights |
|  | 39 destinations |
|  | 313.6 hours flown |
|  | 894 passengers transported |
|  | 77 774 km flown |
|  | 12 827 kg of cargo |

5X-SCO Serving in Uganda

Flying for the Elderly

In 2016, MAF Uganda pilot Matt Eagar had the chance to spend the night in Tonj, South Sudan with a group he had flown in from Every Village.

The team in Tonj were taking the time to teach and disciple an old man, Abraham, about who some have said, "He's old and will die soon - what difference can he make?"

Abraham used to be a Spear Master and a highly respected man in the village. After hearing the gospel at a traditional ceremony where the team was invited, he gave his life to Christ. Unfortunately, after some time, his wife kicked him out of his house and he lost everything.

The team has helped him build a small house, and even though they are in between crop seasons in South Sudan, he has a meal to share each day, a Godly influence and a Joy Unspeakable.

Abraham has decided that he will now go to everyone who he has blessed as a Spear Master and re-bless them in the name of Jesus.

He will seek out everyone he has cursed, and ask for their forgiveness and tell them about the One who can forgive all of their sins. This man will be able to speak into South Sudanese lives that are incredibly hard to reach. We, here in Uganda and South Sudan, think that the

difference this man can make is unbelievable. And we thank God, who can use everyone for good, no matter where they have come from.

Uganda: 5X-SCO by numbers for 2016

| | |
|---|-------------------|
|  | 129 flights |
|  | 39 destinations |
|  | 499.9 hours flown |
|  | 1277 passengers |
|  | 118 997 km flown |
|  | 7616 kg of cargo |

MAF South Africa's initiative: Flying for Life



What is Flying for Life?

Flying for life (FFL) is a registered Section 18A Public Benefit Organisation (2011/002050/08) that is committed to taking help, hope and healing to rural isolated communities in South Africa. FFL is an initiative of MAF.

Flying for Life enables medical professionals, early childhood development trainers, social development specialists and other non-profit organisations to assist isolated communities. We develop relationships and identify different needs in these communities that are beyond the reach of reliable roads, and use aviation to bring them the solutions they need.

How do we fly?

We collaborate with other existing aviation organisations and charter companies who significantly discount their rates and volunteer their pilots.

Where do we fly?

Flying for Life currently focuses on the communities living in the Vhembe District of Limpopo and Northern KZN.

Flying for Life by numbers for 2016

39 flights

6 partner organisations flown

4 communities impacted

154 cataract surgeries performed

104 patients seen by a General Practitioner

22 women had a cervical examination

125 patients seen by a Dentist

44 people were trained in cancer awareness

227 people scanned for cancer | 2 people referred for further examination

3 schools experienced a Career Training Day

12 Teachers trained

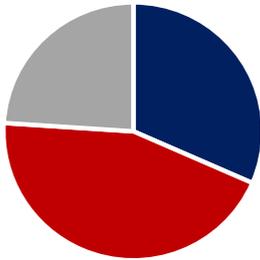
300 children received gifts and experienced a Christmas party



Financial Report

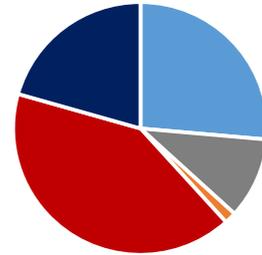
MAF Income and Expenses

Income



| Type of Income | ZAR |
|----------------------|------------|
| General Donations | R1 705 696 |
| Missionary income | R2 403 466 |
| Hangar rental income | R1 294 930 |

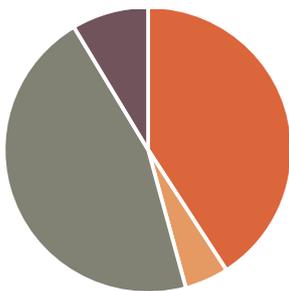
Expenses



| Type of Expenses | ZAR |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Staff costs | R1 234 742 |
| Marketing/Fundraising | R485 718 |
| Donation to FFL | R70 000 |
| Missionary Expenses | R1 923 253 |
| Operation Expenses | R963 134 |

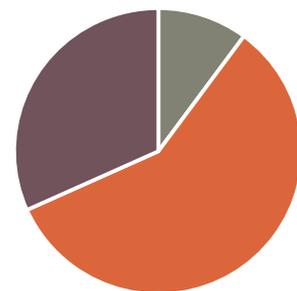
FFL Income and Expenses

Income



| Type of Income | ZAR |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| General Donations | R 582 340 |
| MAFSA Doantion | R70 000 |
| MAF International Grant | R650 000 |
| Partner Income | R122 601 |

Expenses



| Type of Expenses | ZAR |
|------------------|----------|
| Staff costs | R138 150 |
| Flight Expenses | R794 270 |
| Project Expenses | R433 301 |

2017 Objectives

Our objectives for 2017 focus on MAF International's emphasis for Resource Offices around the three "P's", namely; People, Prayer and Provision. We have thus set ourselves the following objectives:

- To attract, equip and send skilled people into the mission field. To continue to build relationships with all applicants in the different stages of recruitment.
- To increase the number of prayer partners for MAF's work by working closely with our current prayer partners and intercessors as well as to attract more prayer partners through worship events and literature.
- To build relationships with our current donors and people who have been receiving our MAF magazine.
- To increase the number of MAF donors by increasing the number of MAF volunteers and through campaigns, events and church visits.
- To raise funds for MAF International, specifically for the new Cessna Caravan for Papua New Guinea.
- To help Flying for Life become self-sustaining with regards to funding and its projects.



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