

Global Impact 2008

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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In the past 12 months, the MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship) fleet of 52 aircraft executed 36,831 flights, logged 2.7 million miles, transported 120,343 passengers, and delivered 10.3 million pounds of cargo—all on 1,700 rough, unimproved dirt and grass airstrips or waterways.

More importantly, **MAF saved 63,460 days of travel time—or 262.2 work years—over the course of 12 months.** Redeemed for productive Kingdom work, these 63,460 days exceed the equivalent of 87.4 three-year terms of missionary service!

Examples of MAF ministry accomplishments as well as efforts enabled and supported by MAF in FY2008 include ...

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO—Provided intensive flight support for *Doctors Without Borders-Switzerland (MSF)* as the organization responded to medical emergencies throughout east DRC. This included response to epidemics as well as support of a hospital providing maternity and post-rape trauma care to women and children. ♦ Continued essential transportation services for *SIL International*, supporting 10 Bible translation and literacy projects in remote areas of east DRC. ♦ Initiated an outreach to evangelize Pygmy people living in the rain forest around Mimia. ♦ Flew medical personnel and supplies to stop an outbreak of the deadly Ebola virus in the Kasai province. ♦ Installed four VSAT Internet systems in Vanga, Beni, Gemena, and Kole, supporting medical research, a hospital, church work, and other needs. ♦ Continued quarterly flights to deliver tens of thousands of vaccines to children in isolated sections of the Bandundu province. ♦ Supported the *Vanga Mission Hospital* with regularly scheduled flight services.

ECUADOR—Supported 95 indigenous and expatriate mission workers, including doctors, teachers, and translators. ♦ The MAF chaplain ministry distributed some 2,056 New Testaments and more than 7,900 Christian tracts, made 159 visits to the government hospital in Puyo, and assisted 144 people with financial help or donations of food and/or clothing from the chaplain's pantry. Thirty-four patients accepted Christ through this ministry and were linked with jungle churches for follow-up and discipleship. ♦ Upgraded the MAF radio network, including replacing two repeaters. Nearly 70 villages are now equipped with new radios, batteries and solar panels.

HAITI—Provided transportation for ministry teams from *Hosean International Ministries (HIM)*, allowing them to conduct vacation Bible schools, evangelistic outreaches, and conferences. ♦ In response to a hurricane and three tropical storms that caused disastrous flooding, flew relief flights including airdrops of food, water, and medicine. ♦ Provided ongoing flight services for *Christian Aid Ministries (CAM)*, enabling agricultural development, healthcare, and evangelistic outreaches as well as feeding programs for 1,600 households monthly.

INDONESIA—*Kalimantan*: Executed 6,448 flights, transported 18,526 passengers, and delivered 865,570 pounds of cargo. ♦ Continued ministry efforts at a local prison. In partnership with *Samaritan's Purse*, completed a new chapel for the facility.

Papua: Transported some 150 people a day, including missionaries, church leaders, aid workers, missionary children traveling between home and school, government workers, searchers looking for

a downed aircraft, national school teachers moving to interior villages, as well as the sick and injured. ♦ Transported building materials for churches, homes, and schools. Delivered furniture, generators, and motorcycles to developing outposts.

Sumatra: Conducted safe, regularly scheduled air service for more than 20 NGOs and humanitarian aid groups, as well as government officials. ♦ Maintained meaningful relationships with many Sumatrans, including the governor of Aceh province who has become a frequent passenger. ♦ Taught three English classes for Sumatrans.

LESOTHO—Sustained the *Lesotho Flying Doctor Service*, providing medical care to some 200,000 people. ♦ Supported an evangelistic, home-based, patient care project teaching families to care for their critically ill relatives infected with HIV/AIDS. Distributed Bibles to patients and their families. ♦ Developed a plan to enable indigenous pastors and expatriate missionaries to evangelize and disciple using the orality method. ♦ Installed six VSAT systems at mountain health clinics.

MOZAMBIQUE—Served 35 Christian and humanitarian agencies including *SIL International*, the *Southern Baptist Convention*, *New Tribes Mission*, *World Vision*, *Orphans Unlimited, Inc.*, *Serving in Mission (SIM International)*, and the *World Wildlife Fund (WWF)*. ♦ Provided ongoing support for nine *SIL International* Bible translation and literacy projects.

NEPAL—Placed an MAF missionary family in Kathmandu, to initiate the application for the required Air Operating Certificate (AOC) prior to commencing flight operations.

NORTH CENTRAL ASIA—Served more than 240 expatriates and indigenous people with a secure email system, *listserv*, and website. ♦ Trained 12 seminary students in computer basics as well as the use of an encrypted USB stick. Taught an “Instruction Design” course to 19 students from six Asian countries. ♦ Created and hosted websites for six ministry and/or humanitarian organizations. ♦ Completed the *EP3* qualitative survey and presented the results at several local and foreign conferences. Provided custom mapping software, compiled survey data, and conducted research and analysis. ♦ Began assisting with the distribution of Bible software in three local languages over cell phones and PDAs.

RUSSIA—Continued ongoing efforts to establish a missionary aviation program in Siberia. Held meetings in Sweden with several partner organizations. ♦ Formed *Open Sky Aviation (OSA)* and initiated efforts to offer courses in aviation English through the organization.

SOUTH CENTRAL ASIA—Supported the activities of more than 200 humanitarian agencies and nongovernment organizations (NGOs) serving the poor and those suffering from disease and the aftermath of war. ♦ Operated 27 airstrips year-round while also providing villagers with a means of generating income by clearing snow and ice from the airstrips during the winter months. ♦ Installed 26 additional VSAT systems to enable the work of NGOs serving in the region. Maintained more than 90 systems.

SOUTH EAST ASIA—Taught aviation English to 50 students at the *Civil Aviation Training Center (CATC)*. Began discussions with *CATC* and *Department of Civil Aviation* authorities regarding the launch of a flight training program.

THAILAND—Updated and published maps and statistics of Thai churches and Christians for 2008. ♦ Disseminated some 600 thumb drives containing a Thai digital library and other useful programs to pastors and Christian leaders.

WESTERN AFRICA—Established a new Community Access Point (CAP), serving approximately 1,000 clients per month.

MAF-LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES (MAF-LT)—*Worldwide*: Trained 2,057 participants in various LT workshops. ♦ Assisted 39 partner ministries in developing and deploying distance education courses or methods. ♦ Trained some 35 indigenous people and 27 expatriate missionaries in course design, development and deployment.

