

Andy and Emma Dipper are serving with Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF). They are seconded from MAF UK to MAF USA whereby Andy is Regional Director for Indonesia which is their largest region of operations. MAF provides access to the most remote regions of the world through light aircraft. Emma supports the MAF team in Indonesia alongside Andy. She works with ministries supporting Christian who face persecution across the world and continues to lecture in theology of risk, resilience and persecution.

Around the World in 120 days



At the time of writing, we are 120 days into 2026. Time has flown faster than we have. Yet there has been more of an ebb and flow than might be obvious in our lives. We have had some down time in March in Norfolk with Charlotte before Easter although life sped up immediately we picked up our laptops and signed back into our Teams calls!

But first let us take you back to our last email where we were about to travel to Indonesia. We shared that “with grieving hearts as we become journey mates for the broken-hearted.” We have just been back with the Sentani team as Janae’s family returned to say goodbye and pack up. It has become clear to them that they cannot live in Papua for the foreseeable future. This is another heartbreak for her family and the community. Grief returns in another wave and so we spent some time alongside and mostly listening to those who have been closest to Janae and her family. They return to the USA with an opportunity to work with MAF in Nampa (the USA HQ) but it’s an enormous adjustment. Thank you for holding them in your thoughts and prayers.

Andy returned to Indonesia at the end of January having sandwiched in 2 weeks in the USA. It was another very challenging time dealing with some significant HR issues that required great wisdom and care. When Andy is asked, ‘What do you do as the Regional Director?’, he often replies ‘Deal with people. It’s all about the people!’ There are countless times, we remark on two things that have prepared Andy for this role. Firstly, the training we have had with All Nations as young students 28 years ago in learning about interpersonal conflict, cross-cultural relationships, listening skills and so much more. Secondly the years we were at All Nations. and many other organisations, as staff as we had many years learning how

to deal with all manner of challenges so there appears to be ‘nothing new under the sun’ as we walk alongside a large and complex team with MAF!

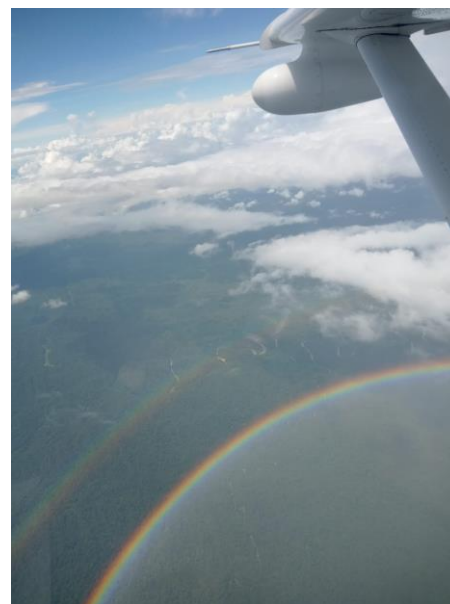


Over the next few months our **Dipper Diary** will look *something* like this...

Andy	Emma
Currently in Indonesia until 9 th May	
Based in the UK working as RD until 24 ^h May	17 th -27 th May- Uganda, Burundi, Rwanda with VOMC
25 th May – 6 th July Home Assignment. Time to catch up on supporting churches and friends. (Still connecting with Indonesia team as there is no one to deputise for him)	Join Andy with his Home Assignment. We also have some holidays with friends in Mull and the kids, camping in Wales.
13 th -26 th July in Nampa, Idaho with MAF new candidates.	17 th -24 th June in Canada for VOMC board meetings and work with International team
27 th July st August Indonesia national team conference in Bali	
2 nd Aug – 17 th Aug with Jakarta Regional team	
Travel with International HR director to Papua and Kalimantan	17 th -24 India with GRF project in Tamil Nadu
Back to the UK in time for Big Church Festival and David's tent supporting Jessie and band	

‘Keeping Your Cool’.

One of our newer pilots had an eventful flying day recently. He landed with the instructor pilot in an airstrip to practice some take off and landings. However, there was a new army platoon based there who refused to let them leave. They claimed they had landed illegally and should not be there at all. As they stood under the shade of the wing trying to stay cool on every level our team worked behind the scenes to work out what had happened. Eventually after a few hours and a call to a friendly provincial governor who then contacted the three-star general of the army, they were released. We are forever grateful that, it was the relationships built over many years with the governor that literally moved an army!



In July we have been invited to join the Indonesian national leaders for their staff conference and training. Emma will deliver many core subjects that she regularly teaches elsewhere in the world with some new subjects including living with failure and uncovering shame. The subjects never appear that cheerful but there are ways of using humour despite the seriousness of them! We are very excited to spend quality time with such a great group of people.

The ‘Day Job’

Emma continues her work with Gender and Religious Freedom (GRF) whom many of you support through your giving via Stewardship (thank you!). She has increased her commitment to Voice of the Martyrs, Canada (VOMC) until June with a potential extension (TBC). Emma was extremely grateful that for most of the first 4 months she could focus on this work as Andy’s travel didn’t require the Dipper duo in a pastoral sense, until this current trip.



May 2026



February included a week in Juba, South Sudan with local church leaders training alongside her colleague from GRF and another colleague from VOMC. It was a joy! To complete the collaboration, we stayed at the MAF guesthouse and visited the MAF office. They are working so incredibly hard to maintain access through aviation to hard-to-reach places under a lot of insecurity. She was deeply touched by the fragility of South Sudan. Please pray for that nation.

This trip was followed by a trip to Vienna to speak at an event for International Women's Day in the Austrian Parliament. It is always an honour to be able to share first-hand what had been seen and heard just days before and was very well received. We both enjoyed taking in some of the beautiful sights when not in parliament as we made it a bit of a 'city-break' for us both.

The tragedy of the war in the Middle East impacted our travel somewhat so Emma postponed a trip to India and Andy re-jigged his time in Indonesia from two trips to one longer one now.

A highlight for both of us has been the Marcham +10 conference where our incredible church community hosted 50 people from 15 nations to celebrate ten years since the first Marcham conference in 2016. It ran over 4 days in all. Beginning with fish and chips (of course!) and reviewed the last ten years of gender-specific religious persecution leading to considering the future trends and needs across the globe. Sunday's service included stories from around the world and prayers in Arabic for the Middle East. The whole event was interspersed with wonderful food, hospitality and kindness. Quite different from a shiny-floored hotel close to an airport where many of these types of conferences are held!

If you want to read about the conference, you can see a report of it [here](#). The Bishop of Truro also spoke and you can read what he said in this [link](#). More will be out in the coming days and weeks.

Home Assignment

Andy has been granted six weeks to focus on our supporters this year from late May to early July (see our Dipper Diary). Do contact us if you'd like a visit or to come to us and find out more. Last year we did some Thank You events but this year we will focus on our supporting churches and meeting individually if you'd enjoy that. One additional gift this year was being able to visit our new supporting church from Massachusetts, USA, Heritage Bible Chapel. We were overwhelmed by their hospitality and engagement with what we are doing! Thank you to all our supporting churches - St Nicholas's Dersingham, Hertford Methodist Church and of course our local home church, All Saints Marcham. We could not be doing this without you!

Love, Andy and Emma

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