

# CHURCH PARTNERSHIP

BECOME A LIFELINE TO THE WORLD'S MOST ISOLATED PEOPLE



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**'I pray that your PARTNERSHIP with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ.'**

Philemon 1:6 (NIVUK)

## **OUR INVITATION TO YOU!**

We'd like to invite you and your church to partner with MAF Scotland, becoming a lifeline to the world's most isolated people — those living out of sight, out of mind and out of hope.

With land access denied by inaccessible terrain — due to natural disaster, war or economic crisis — thousands of communities are completely isolated. This is why the work of MAF is so crucial. Operating over 120 light aircraft, MAF's pilots fly into roughly 1,650 remote destinations. They land in deserts or jungles, on lakes, rivers, tracks or roads — going the extra miles to provide an essential lifeline.

We provide flights for more than 1,400 aid, development and mission organisations to enable them to transform lives. It's a great partnership — and you can help make it possible.

By joining with us, your church can enable practical help, physical healing and spiritual hope to be delivered to some of the most remote communities on earth. Through a Lifeline Partnership, you can help us share God's love.



*We have seen, first-hand, the impact MAF makes around the world. Together, we have been able to share the needs of people around the world and share the Gospel that brings hope to the nations. MAF excels in providing a meaningful mission-centred partnership that informs prayer and ignites passion across the generations in our churches.*

Calderwood Baptist Church, East Kilbride



## WHY CHOOSE MAF?

MAF is an international Christian mission organisation using light aircraft to transform lives.

We serve around 25 developing countries to see the lives of millions transformed in Christ's name by delivering:

- **PRACTICAL HELP** — we bring food, water and education supplies, as well as building materials and equipment.
- **PHYSICAL HEALING** — we fly the seriously ill and injured, allowing them to reach treatment quickly, as well as delivering medical supplies and doctors to provide care in the remotest of areas.
- **SPIRITUAL HOPE** — we enable the distribution of the Bible, fly Christian missionaries and pastors, and share God's love through our actions.

We recognise that one size doesn't fit all, and so we have an exciting menu of resources for you to choose from. Choose how you want to partner, and for how long. All of our partnerships are bespoke and tailored to meet the needs of your church and local mission.

*Our church entered a year-long partnership with MAF Scotland this year. A fun-filled weekend kicked off our partnership with a Gala Day event where people got the opportunity to get the feel of what it's like to travel in a MAF plane and try their hand at flying and landing it in MAF's flight simulator, which were wonderful attractions to get community involvement. We also hosted a film night where MAF's film 'The End of the Spear' was shown. Next year we are hosting an MAF Quiz night and the MAF Photographic Exhibition event with our local primary school. MAF are a wonderful organisation to partner with, not only for the marvellous work they undertake across the world but for the wonderful resources and support they provide to support our community events. We would thoroughly recommend their offer of partnership to any church.*

Dyce Parish Church, Aberdeenshire





## STRONGER TOGETHER

A partnership is a two-way relationship, where mutual interests are advanced. A Church Partnership with MAF Scotland is no different.

For us as an organisation, partnering with a church enables us to raise awareness of our work across the world and creates opportunities to increase support for our mission. Equally, by partnering, we feel strongly that we can walk hand in hand with a church to help the people of God where they are to reach out to their community, by making our many resources available to be used to further God's Kingdom.

*It has been our privilege to partner with MAF in highlighting the great commission to 'go into all the world'. We cannot speak highly enough of MAF, not only in terms of the professional approach constantly experienced, the always helpful and flexible staff who have been consistently responsive to the various needs presented from time to time; but also the amazing resources that are made available to enhance the message of Mission and world outreach. These included the innovative way of engaging people to travel around the world with MAF, to the flight simulator giving opportunity for every generation to experience flying or to the physical presence of a MAF plane. There is no doubt that our mandate as a local church to present the message of worldwide mission and evangelism has been enhanced by having an MAF presentation supported by MAF personnel.*

King's Church, Aberdeen





## DESIGN YOUR OWN PARTNERSHIP

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Our Church Partnerships can either give a global view of our work through our 'Global Lifeline', or we can provide more focus to a particular country or MAF programme through our 'Country Lifeline':

- **GLOBAL LIFELINE** — If you are looking for a partnership that gives an insight into MAF's work generally, and want to bring help, hope and healing where the need is greatest, the Global Lifeline is an ideal fit. You can use our work as a focus for your church's worship, prayer and teaching. With a broad range of resources and activities, we'll present MAF's ministry to as many groups as possible and can include activities for your youth and wider community, if relevant. This is particularly suitable for churches that support a number of missions and provides a more dynamic approach to focusing on world mission.
- **COUNTRY LIFELINE** — If you're looking for ways your church can engage with Gospel outreach and world mission, with a focus on one specific country, then Country Lifeline is for you. Partner with us in this way and we'll bring you right to the heart of MAF's work. More and more churches are linking with us in this deeper way and we're finding it's a great way for congregations to build longer term relationships with the people and programmes that are featured.

Either option gives you full access to all the MAF resources in our menu, you just choose what the focus is.

Timescales are important, and we can discuss with you the right length of partnership, based on how you would like to engage with MAF. There is no set timescale for a partnership with MAF, although usually a minimum of 1 year and a maximum of 3 years works best. We are happy to engage with your church at your pace, and in line with your missional objectives.

On the next page are some examples of what a partnership could include to give you an idea of what is possible but remember that we prefer to offer a more à la carte choice, rather than a set menu!

## Example 1 — 3 years

### YEAR 1

- Launch Sunday (can include a presentation and/or preach from our team)
- MAF Movie Night — ‘End Of The Spear’
- ‘He Saw It Was Good’ Bible Study (6 session series)

### YEAR 2

- MAF Speaker @ Church Group
- Family Fun Day (Display plane, flight simulator and The MAF Cube/Rescue Challenge)
- ‘Stronger Together’ Workshop

### YEAR 3

- MAF Quiz
- MAF Breakfast/Cake & Coffee Morning
- MAF Photographic Exhibition
- Celebration Sunday (includes a presentation and/or preach from our team)

## Example 2 — 2 years

### YEAR 1

- Launch Sunday (can include an MAF presentation and/or preach from our team)
- MAF Movie Night — ‘End Of The Spear’
- Family Fun Day (Display plane, flight simulator and The MAF Cube)

### YEAR 2

- MAF Quiz
- MAF Speaker @ Church Group
- Celebration Sunday (includes a presentation and/or preach from our team)

## Example 3 — 1 year

MONTH 1 — MAF Speaker @ Church Group

MONTH 3 — MAF Youth visit to Youth Group/Organisation

MONTH 5 — MAF Movie Night - ‘End Of The Spear’

MONTH 7 — MAF Breakfast/Cake & Coffee Morning

MONTH 9 — ‘He Saw It Was Good’ Bible Study (6 session series)

MONTH 11 — Celebration Sunday (includes a presentation and/or preach from our team)

## You can expect...

- access to utilise our resources, free of charge.
- MAF Scotland staff and/or volunteers to facilitate our resources and to be available to engage with your church and community. MAF Scotland has a wonderful team of capable and confident representatives around the country.
- a partnership that will inspire and encourage you, your church, and your community.
- to come with MAF on a journey of discovery to find out about places rarely featured in travel brochures, and to meet people living far from the tourist trail, through engaging with our resources. Find out what it's like to live, work and serve in some of the most isolated places on earth.
- a partnership with an organisation that is well-respected and professional.
- a partnership with an organisation that will take a genuine interest in your missional needs and help enable opportunities for your church to reach into your community.



## We ask for...

- ...opportunities within the life of your church throughout the partnership, to raise awareness of the work of MAF around the world.
- ...opportunities to encourage those in your church to consider supporting MAF e.g. by signing up to receive news and stories from our programmes around the world; or to raise prayer support for MAF and our work; or to consider supporting MAF with a financial gift.
- ...opportunities to inform those in your church of how they can volunteer and/or serve with MAF.
- ...you and your church to have buy-in from the community and engagement from families, groups and schools (depending on how you are using our resources) to ensure a good level of interest in the event(s) you are organising that make use of our larger resources e.g. display plane, photographic exhibition.
- ...practical assistance and help from you and your congregation when setting up and packing down our resources should this be required when attending your church or event.



# MAF SCOTLAND PARTNERSHIP RESOURCES

The following examples are details of all our partnership resources and some suggestions as to how you could best utilise them.

## MAF SPEAKERS

For over 75 years, it has been a journey full of adventure and we would love to share it with you. With humble beginnings dating back to just after World War II, our story is one of God's great provision and growth. We have a fantastic network of speakers all over Scotland who will inform and inspire as they talk about the work of MAF. We cater for all types and sizes of meetings, completely free of charge!

For churches, we have speakers who can preach and/or speak about the work of MAF to your congregation or group. We also have speakers available who can speak to youth groups and young adult groups.

For schools, we have staff and volunteers who can speak to individual classes or larger assemblies and will present in line with the school curriculum.

Our network of speakers are available all over Scotland, so if you have a group that would like to hear about the work of MAF, then get in touch with us by phoning **0141 332 5222** or email **[scottishoffice@maf-uk.org](mailto:scottishoffice@maf-uk.org)**



# MAF FLIGHT SIMULATOR

MAF Scotland have a high-quality mobile flight simulator that is perfect for generating footfall at an event or outreach opportunity. Supervised by a member of MAF staff, people can come and try to fly and land an MAF plane on some of the airstrips that our real planes fly to and from every day.

It's a great way of engaging young people in particular and anyone who has a sense of adventure or challenge!





# MAF DISPLAY AIRCRAFT

In Scotland MAF have an ex-MAF Cessna 182 aircraft that used to serve in Papua New Guinea. It has been converted into a display plane that is a huge attraction. **Normally reserved for larger events** where visitors get to sit in the cockpit, try the controls, and although static, it gives an opportunity to feel like a real MAF pilot and your imagination can take you anywhere you want to fly to.

If you are a church, why not speak to us to find out how our display aircraft could help you engage with your community at a special event or outreach initiative. 'A plane in the car park' or even 'a plane in the church' (see below) is always a great attraction.

If you are a school, we offer our display aircraft as 'a plane in the playground' resource as part of a wider engagement opportunity with your school.





# MAF PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

## *EVERY PICTURE TELLS A STORY*

Our photographic exhibition '**Every Picture Tells a Story**' is a wonderful resource for churches and provides a great opportunity to connect with the local community in a really creative way.

The high-quality photographs tell the story of what God is doing through MAF across the developing world.

It explores how our flights support water, food, medical and education projects in remote areas, and enables the Church worldwide to grow.

'**Every Picture Tells a Story**' can be used in several ways:

- as a standalone exhibition for a period of time in a communal area within a church e.g. café, hall, large footfall area.
- as a weekend event for churches which includes events for schools, VIP guests, the wider community and congregation. The event concludes with MAF taking the Sunday morning service.

### **Weekend Event**

If a church has good engagement with local schools, then the Photographic exhibition can be a great resource to reach out to the young people, teachers and parents. The church would have the exhibition set up in the church building and classes from the primary school would visit and be led round by a member of MAF staff.

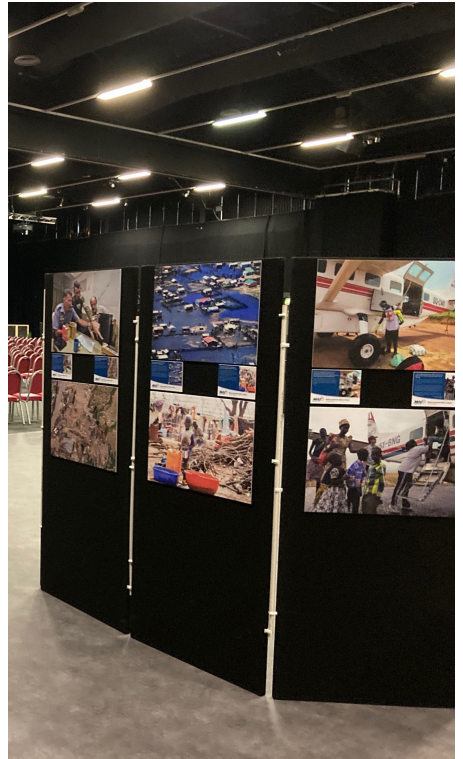
- There would be a quiz and an activity for them to complete.
- There would be a visit to a school assembly several weeks beforehand at which an artwork competition would be launched for the young people to complete in their class. These artworks would then be displayed at the exhibition.
- On the Saturday, the Photographic Exhibition would be open to the public and parents would be invited to attend to see their child's artwork on display. The church would provide refreshments as well as any other activities/resources that they wanted to promote.
- There would be an opportunity for MAF to give a brief overview of who we are, what we do and how people can journey with us. It would be the church that would promote the event locally, with MAF providing the resource.
- The exhibition is best suited for children in Primary 5, 6 and 7.

### **What's in the exhibition?**

The exhibition consists of 64 images, all produced in a high-quality format and mounted on 16 double sided display panels (black in colour 1990mm x 840mm).

Each side of every panel will have two images measuring approx. 600mm x 400mm with a small A5 description of the image displayed.

The display is enhanced by lighting (if appropriate in the venue) on each board. Banners and other display material are all provided by MAF.



Women and children






**Meet Isabelle**

Isabelle lives in Timor-Leste. She had successfully given birth to twins but developed ectopia. A life-saving blood transfusion was vital but bags of blood are rare at her local clinic. Praise God that on this occasion, they did have one precious bag in store. As soon as the bag was hooked up, the clock started ticking. Isabelle urgently needed to reach the hospital in Dili for additional bags of blood. MAF was called and Isabelle was medevaced to hospital where she received life-saving treatment. Thanks to MAF, Isabelle can today enjoy being a wife and mother to her twins.

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# THE MAF CUBE

Do you think you and your team have what it takes to beat The MAF Cube?

Through a series of fun, yet challenging, games and puzzles, we'll test a whole host of different skills including memory, problem-solving and sense of direction — all vital skills for our MAF engineers and pilots who serve across the world.



**Normally reserved for larger events**, this is a great team challenge and works really well at community events to engage a big audience.

## How does it work?

- The challenge is designed for groups of up to 6 people.
- Smaller groups? No problem, we can help combine groups into great teams.
- The challenge takes around 10 minutes to complete.
- Complete 5 games in 10 minutes to beat 'The MAF Cube' and be in with a chance to win a prize!
- You will have one 'simplify' and one 'skip' to help you along your way.





# THE MAF RESCUE CHALLENGE

Time is of the essence... Can you be the difference between life and death?

MAF's interactive Rescue Challenge helps you experience what it's really like to work and serve in some of the most remote places in the world, using 'real-life' scenarios that give insight into some of the challenges our pilots may experience on a day-to-day basis.

**Normally reserved for larger events,** this is a great team challenge and works really well at community events to engage a big audience.

## How does it work?

- The challenge is designed for groups of 4-8 people.
- Smaller groups? No problem, we can help combine groups into great teams.
- The challenge takes around 20-25 minutes to complete.
- It is split into 3 sections of timed puzzles and activities.
- Participants are scored depending on how many people their actions would help.
- The team with the highest score will win a prize!



# MAF YOUTH RESOURCES

We have a variety of resources for young people that will inspire and ignite an interest in world mission.

Want to bring MAF into the classroom? We have a great collection of resources for you to use in schools.

Bring **MISSION + AVIATION + ADVENTURE** to life at your Youth Group with our free guest speakers.



# 'HE SAW IT WAS GOOD'

We have developed a suite of resources that consider the topic of sustainability and how the work of MAF is helping to advance the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals. These resources look at what the Bible has to say about this important and current topic, and what role Christians can play to best steward the planet.

## Bible Study

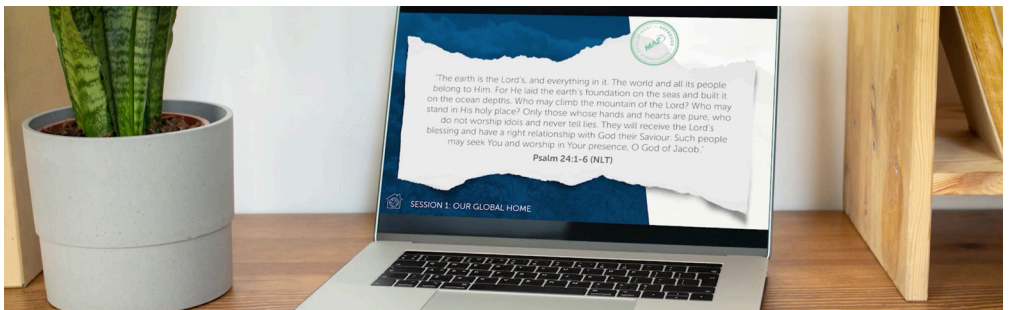
The 'He Saw It Was Good' Bible study is an inspirational six-session, interactive MAF Bible study, introducing the topic of sustainability and showcases what MAF is doing to support the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals through the themes of People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace and Partnerships. Each session contains videos, stories, Bible readings, discussion points, prayers and a time of reflection.



We will send you a link to all the materials — Scripture readings, videos, prayers and questions for reflection. There is a Leader's Guide, PowerPoint presentation and a Participant's Guide for everyone taking part. At the end of the course, we will invite you to fill out a short survey so we can continue to improve our resources.

We trust that, as you explore the impact humankind is having on God's precious earth and why drastic action is needed, you will feel the Holy Spirit nurture and nourish you.

In the beginning, when God made the earth, He Saw It Was Good — let's work together to make it good again.



This resource is a great way to engage Bible study groups or Home Groups in the work that MAF is involved in throughout the world, as well as exploring the topic of sustainability and the stewardship of the planet. We can provide all the materials for your group to lead these sessions themselves, or we can provide one of our staff members or volunteers to lead these sessions for you.

To find out more about the 'He Saw It Was Good' Bible study and instructions on how to sign up, visit [www.maf-uk.org/hesawitwasgood](http://www.maf-uk.org/hesawitwasgood)



# Stronger Together

## Interactive Workshop

The MAF 'Stronger Together' interactive workshop introduces the United Nation's Sustainable Development agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which are the blueprint for the future of the planet.

We explore this through the lens of what our response as Christians to it should/could be, based on our role as followers of Jesus, to steward the earth. Through a case study we highlight how the work of MAF is helping to advance these SDGs in the developing world by partnering with others to bring help, hope and healing in some of the world's most remote areas.

The workshop is set up in a similar style to that of 'The World Café' method, where discussion and conversation takes place in small groups (6-8 people in each group) at tables like those in a café. The facilitators from MAF will guide the participants through the workshop and keep the discussion flowing, but the outcomes are very much defined by the discussions in the groups and people's responses to the resources and stories shared.

We use a combination of upfront presentation, groups discussion, videos, interactive feedback, and table-top resources for the groups to explore.

The church or group get to choose one specific Sustainable Development Goal to be the focus of the workshop from the following three options: 'No Poverty', 'Good Health & Well-being', or 'Quality Education'.



This is a resource that MAF staff and volunteers would facilitate for your church/group. We provide all the material, and the church/group provides the venue and the refreshments.

This workshop is a great way to engage young adults and can be a great way to invite people who are perhaps on the fringes of the church, to come to a relaxed environment to explore an important issue.

## Podcast Series

The final resource in the 'He Saw It Was Good' suite is **The Flying For Life Podcast** series. There are 3 episodes that focus on three of the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals, 'No Poverty', 'Good Health & Well-being' and 'Quality Education'. The podcast interviews people who are seeing first hand how the United Nation's global goals are being advanced through MAF's work on the ground (or in the sky!).



The Podcast series is a great way for people who have taken part in the interactive workshop or Bible study, to find out more, but it can also be used as an introduction to the topic of sustainability, to then go on and explore the other resources in the 'He Saw It Was Good' series.

To find out more about **The Flying For Life Podcast** and instructions on how to listen, visit [www.maf-uk.org/podcast](http://www.maf-uk.org/podcast)

*As a Church, we have recently concluded a year-long partnership with MAF. As part of that journey, we were delighted to explore the 'He Saw It Was Good' Bible Study. The study materials stimulated a lot of discussion, the responses from house group members going far wider than we initially expected. By mixing up video clips, written materials and presentations, there is sufficient to demonstrate the impact of climate change, to experience the role of MAF in supporting the UN's sustainability goals through a range of activities in remote areas. On reflection, the 6-week program provided a challenge to consider our own choices, placing a biblical perspective on our personal and collective responsibilities to care for the world around us.*

Kinross Parish Church





# MOVIE NIGHT

## *END OF THE SPEAR*

Who doesn't love a good movie? MAF own the licence to show the Hollywood movie '**End Of The Spear**' which tells the story of MAF pilot Nate Saint who, along with four other missionaries, met their deaths at the hands of the Waodani tribe in Ecuador in 1956. The film is a true story of great courage, great sacrifice and of course great forgiveness.

The story is told from the perspective of Steve Saint, the son of Nate Saint, using his father's diaries and film footage from his cine camera. It also uses personal accounts from Nate's wife, the wives of the other four missionaries and the Waodani tribe themselves. It truly is a masterpiece that tells of obedience unto death as those five men took the Gospel to the Ecuadorian Rain Forest.

The film is a great way for your church to learn more about cross cultural mission and MAF but is also a great event to invite members of the local community to as well. MAF lead the event, with the church providing refreshments and the advertising

You can watch the trailer here: [youtu.be/YS\\_RFrmFgyg](https://youtu.be/YS_RFrmFgyg)





# MAF QUIZ NIGHT

Everyone loves a quiz. Why not invite MAF to your church or group to host 'The MAF Quiz'.

This is a great way to bring your community in, for an evening of fun, laughter and competition. From general knowledge, to music and from sport to geography, there's something for everyone in 'The MAF Quiz'

A quiz is a great way to bring the church together, the community and even local businesses. MAF will provide the quiz master and all the resources, including posters, invitations and the answer and score sheets. If you are looking for a great way to engage people of all ages, then look no further than 'The MAF Quiz'.

## MAF BREAKFAST EVENT *FRYING FOR LIFE*

Join us in celebrating a love of all things breakfast-related! Get frying, toasting and munching in support of MAF. Inspired by the bacon buttie, we hope this fundraiser will soon have the nation breakfasting in support of MAF.

You can choose any type of breakfast — be it the full Scottish, a continental selection or perhaps coffee and croissants. Whatever you go for and wherever you hold it, be that at home, church or work, you can really help us make breakfast the most important meal of the day.

We have a full fundraising pack with invitations, posters, a handy how-to guide, as well lots of information on MAF, this pack should get you off to a sizzling start.

By taking part in 'Frying for Life', you are helping us reach those forgotten people who are in desperate need. Thanks to you, we will be able to continue bringing them help, hope and healing. This is an event that the church can run themselves, but we can provide an MAF staff member or volunteer to come and share about the work of MAF if appropriate.

This is a great way to bring people together to fundraise, whether that's those in your church or group, or indeed in your wider community! Who doesn't love a good breakfast?



# MAF COFFEE AND CAKE MORNING

## *BAKE OFF TO TAKE OFF*

Calling all budding bakers and cake enthusiasts! Here's your chance to host your own 'Bake Off' and bring hope to isolated people at the same time. We're pretty sure that most people love a good cuppa and a slice of cake, so we developed 'Bake Off to Take Off'.

Based on the classic coffee morning fundraiser, you can host this event at home, work or church. It's all about getting people together to enjoy some tasty treats while raising awareness and funds for MAF.

Our free fundraising pack comes complete with invitations, posters, collection box and a handy 'how to guide'. It also contains some top tips to help your event go smoothly and be even more successful.

By taking part, you are helping our pilots reach those isolated communities that desperately need help and which, without MAF, would struggle to get it.

...ready, steady, BAKE!

This is a great way to bring people together to fundraise, whether that's those in your church or group, or indeed in your wider community! Who doesn't love a good cuppa and cake?

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