



# YOUTH RESOURCES



# SESSION 1: A CHALLENGING WORLD

A session exploring the challenges faced by people today, the different gifts we have, and how we can make a difference.

What challenges does our world face?

- Look at some of the challenges people face around the world.
- Consider how we choose to live in a world that needs saving.

## MAF

MAF began when Stuart King and Jack Hemmings, along with a number of other RAF servicemen, decided to use the gifts God had given them to make a difference in the world. They decided to step out in faith and do something amazing to bring about change.

There is a day that all creation is waiting for — the day that Jesus returns and completes His restoration plan.

Until that day, however, we need to stand in the gap and serve, give and pray.



## ASK YOURSELF

If you could do three things to change the world...

- **What would you do?**
- **What impact would it have?**
- **What's stopping you now?**

You don't need to be older, wiser, richer or more qualified to make a change.

Everyone has different gifts given by God.

- **What are you good at?**
- **What are your strengths?**

## BIBLE

Look at Matthew 25:31-46, the parable of the sheep and the goats. Verses 35-40 appear below:

*For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.*

*Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give You something to drink? When did we see You a*

*stranger and invite You in, or needing clothes and clothe You? When did we see You sick or in prison and go to visit You?’*

*The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’*

Jesus talks about God separating His obedient followers, from the unbelievers and those who only pretend to follow Him. (Sheep and goats often grazed together but were separated by the shepherd when it was time for the sheep to be sheared.) The parable challenges us as to how well our actions separate us from those who pretend to believe.

## ASK YOURSELF

What do you think this parable means?

- It describes acts of mercy/kindness that we can all do every day.
- It mentions acts that don't depend on wealth, intelligence or ability.
- It shows that it's our responsibility to do good.

**Jesus knew there were people in the world who needed help, hope and healing. People who needed a friend, and who needed God.**

**God sent Jesus to save lives and to offer them eternal life. Life in all its fullness.**

## MAF

The reason MAF exists is because we believe that all people, no matter how isolated, deserve life in all its fullness, because of the love God has for them.

One of the places facing challenges that MAF currently serves is Oaxaca, Mexico.

MAF flights are dedicated to serving the community, supporting the church and assisting evangelism. Our aircraft have also helped provide hurricane and famine relief.

### QUICK FACTS

- The population of Mexico is 129,875,529.
- MAF's main base is Oaxaca (population 726,000).
- In 2022, MAF served 3,517 passengers in 8 locations.
- MAF serves 11 partner organisations in the area.

### OAXACA STATE

- 70% have no sewer system.
- 25% of homes have no electricity.
- 50% still have dirt floors.
- Approximately 50% of the population is under 18.

### CHALLENGE

- Write down one thing you would like to see change in the world.
- Pray over the challenges facing Oaxaca, Mexico, and around the world.
- Think about your gifts and pray about what God may have put on your heart for the world.



# SESSION 2: CALLED FOR MISSION

A session exploring how we are called to mission and some of the barriers that can stop us from stepping out and making a difference.

There is a day that all creation is waiting for — the day that Jesus returns and completes His restoration plan. Until that day, however, we are called to stand in the gap.

Here is an example of someone who understood this calling.



## FACTFILE

Stuart King — born 1922, died 2020. (At the age of 98, Stuart was still actively involved in MAF!)

Stuart served in the RAF during World War II. After the war, he felt God calling him to use planes for good, rather than warfare. God placed on Stuart's heart a vision for reaching thousands of people trapped through isolation.

In 1945, at the age of 23, he helped found MAF with a single plane. (Today, MAF has a fleet of more than 115 light aircraft!)

While considering whether to join MAF or not, Stuart said:

*'I was fearful of stepping out in faith in fear of what God might have me do. That if I gave Him all of my life, He would make me do something I would not want to. But once I knew that His ways were good and just, I stopped fearing God's will and began to fear what I might miss out on if I didn't follow His will.'*

Stuart was fearful about what God might ask him to do if he gave Him his life, but he trusted in the God he knew and the call God had given him.

# BIBLE

Look at Matthew 5:14-16, where Jesus talks about being the light of the world:

*You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*

## ASK YOURSELF

What do you think these verses mean?

Showing other people God's love doesn't just mean preaching at them or saying the right things. We are called to use our gifts to let our light shine in the world. To demonstrate God's love, so that people see God in the way we live our lives.

Jesus doesn't leave us to do anything on our own, but is always with us.

- **How might God want to use your gifts?**
- **Where might God be calling you to serve others in the world?**

## PRAY

**Pray for those working for MAF worldwide, using their gifts to serve God.**

**Pray that God will show you where He is calling you to serve. Pray too that He will give you the courage to step out in faith.**

**Pray against any fears and doubts holding you back from believing that you can make a change.**



## CHALLENGE

Think of one way that you are going to make a difference in the world around you, then step out and make that difference.

# SESSION 3: FAITH INTO ACTION

A session looking at what we can do to make a practical difference in the world, serve those around us, and engage with the work MAF is doing worldwide.



## HOW DO WE CHANGE THE WORLD? ONE ACT OF RANDOM KINDNESS AT A TIME

Morgan Freeman, Evan Almighty

### BIBLE

Sometimes in life it's not the big things we do, but the small choices we make. Take a look at Titus 2:13-14:

*While we look forward with hope to that wonderful day when the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ, will be revealed. He gave His life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us His very own people, totally committed to doing good deeds.*

### ASK YOURSELF

What does this verse mean to you?

We can have hope in the knowledge that one day the fullness of Jesus' love towards the world will be revealed, which is amazing! But, because of what Jesus has done for us, we too are called to make a positive mark on the world.

God doesn't want us to wait around before we do something. He is asking us to do good things now.

**Is there something good you could do at home, at school, or for someone — or somewhere — in the world?**

## CHALLENGE

Share your ideas or thoughts with friends and family, then put them into action.

Think of something you could do to support MAF and make a global impact, then get involved.

## PRAY

Pray each week for MAF and the work it does in helping the world's most isolated people.

Prayer is the most powerful tool we have as Christians to bring about change in the world.

Contact [youth@maf-uk.org](mailto:youth@maf-uk.org) to receive regular prayer updates and information about MAF.



## FUNDRAISE

Have fun while fundraising throughout the year to raise money for MAF and see the impact your donation can have on the number of times we're able to fly and the people we're able to serve.

Join in with some of MAF Youth's big fundraising events throughout the year or come up with your own fun challenges to help raise money and keep the work of MAF going.

## WORK WITH MAF

- Help to create and shape what MAF Youth does by joining our **Youth panel**.
- Sign up to the **MAF Future Pilot Programme**, **MAF Engineer Training Scheme**, or **Gap Year programmes**.

MAF offers programmes for Christians who have a heart and passion for aviation and engineering. We give people the opportunity to become a pilot or aircraft maintenance engineer in one of MAF's programmes in Africa or the Asia-Pacific region.

MAF also offers a gap year placement for those who want to serve people in some of the world's remotest regions.





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