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King Charles III honours MAF

On 20 February, MAF's work was recognised at a special reception hosted by King Charles III, Queen Camilla and Princess Anne at Buckingham Palace.

The prestigious event was attended by some 300 people from a range of charitable organisations noted for doing 'exceptional' work.

MAF UK's Chief Executive Officer Donovan Palmer, MAF Trustee Max Gove, MAF Uganda's Deputy Country Director Sam Baguma, and Becky Waterman, who's supported MAF families in Uganda and Liberia for seven years, all attended.

Our delegation was one of the 100 or so humanitarian charities invited by the King.

Later, Donovan remarked, 'It's humbling that the King recognises our good work and wants our staff, supporters and partners everywhere to know he

appreciates what we do.

'We definitely felt a very warm welcome and appreciation for MAF's work.'

Sam — whose team had flown Princess Anne in Uganda in 2022 — was surprised at how many MAF partners were present. 'It was wonderful meeting royalty. To have a normal conversation with the King was amazing!

'What was also special was seeing so many organisations who'd flown with MAF! It's wonderful to know that what we do makes a huge difference to those we serve.'

Becky noted that, 'At a time when we hear so much bad news, it was great to see so many passionate people from inspiring organisations serving across the globe.

'The fact that MAF was invited shows that the work we do is considered important.'

Max was also excited to meet the King and Queen, saying, 'It was a privilege to be there, and I was impressed that they set aside time to meet with humanitarian organisations.'

With MAF now in its 80th year, Donovan commented, 'I hope that for those who don't know about us yet, this royal recognition will help highlight the great work MAF does around the world.'

As we give thanks for this royal recognition of MAF's work, let's pray for a greater awareness of the aviation ministry started 80 years ago in the name of our heavenly King. May it result in an increase in practical support, heartfelt prayer and financial giving so we can continue to meet the needs of remote and isolated people in Africa and the Asia-Pacific region.

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Why not invite an MAF speaker to visit and inspire your congregation through words and images, showing how MAF is reaching the world's remotest people? Booking a speaker is completely free of charge and we are available for Sunday services and mid-week groups. Find out more at www.maf-uk.org/speaker-request

Support our staff

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