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Saving medical missions four days' travel

Surrounded by sand dunes and cliffs, the remote village of Gouro in northern Chad is practically unreachable by road. To get there from N'Djamena, the capital, requires a journey of three or four days across harsh desert terrain.

Dr Luke Ardill's flight from N'Djamena to Gouro, however, took less than four hours.

Once there, he was able to provide diabetes and chronic disease training, support local clinic staff and build relationships in an area with limited access to healthcare and education.

'By training staff,' the doctor says, 'we create a trickle-down effect. When they grow in confidence and skill, the whole community benefits.'

Though the community was

originally resistant to the Gospel, Luke notes that, 'Medical ministry can be a great way of sharing God's love through relationship building and meeting physical needs.'

Luke also partners with a local NGO that promotes language literacy in primary schools.

'If MAF was unable to provide these flights, we'd have to drive for several days each way to get to Gouro,' he explains. 'This would reduce the time we'd have for medical assistance and education.'

'During one visit, we heard about a teenager who'd been stung by a scorpion the night before. She made it to the clinic and received antivenom, but it was too late and she died. It highlights how much we need improved healthcare access and education in these areas.'

Apart from transporting medical personnel, MAF brought electrical supplies to repair a solar powered system at the health clinic. It had been without power for lights and fans for two years.

For MAF Operations Assistant Nadjitaham Koulmass, seeing missions like the one to Gouro is deeply meaningful.

'Gouro,' he shares, 'is very remote and almost inaccessible by land. If MAF wasn't there, what would happen to the people in terms of healthcare and education?'

Communities like Gouro often have poor access to healthy fruit, vegetables and healthcare. Pray for health outcomes to improve and for MAF to continue supporting those needing medical assistance.

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