

Serving MAF TOGETHER

Fall 2026



PROGRAM VISIT TO LESOTHO

In October, we visited the MAF program located in Maseru, Lesotho, a country completely encompassed by South Africa. For us, these program visits are twofold—to see firsthand the work of MAF, and to encourage our staff serving there.

Lesotho is a fascinating place. Its average elevation is higher than any other country in the world, making travel through its mountainous interior difficult.

A highlight was flying with MAF pilot Luke Nelson for the day. Eighty percent of MAF's flying in Lesotho is in support of medical work. We visited three different villages in the mountains, transporting patients back home after receiving medical care in the city and picking up those needing care.

One of them was a precious little seven-year-old girl. She is blind and was flying to the city with her mother to consult with doctors there about her condition. Without MAF to fly her, it would be a difficult—if not impossible—trip for her to make. What a privilege to serve the people of Lesotho in this way!

Another highlight was meeting Mabohlokoa (pictured above), a teacher at a school in the village of Kuebunyane that is supported by MAF. She told us some heartbreaking stories of what life is like in the village for the children, like Haliyo, a nine-year-old girl whose name means "worthless." She lives with her grandmother, the local witch doctor, but since Haliyo has learned to read and pray, the grandmother is showing interest in Christianity.

Mabohlokoa lives in a rented room in a house with no toilet. In fact, none of the houses in the village have toilets. She faces spiritual oppression and hardships we can't imagine, and yet the joy of the Lord was so evident in her face!

We are grateful for opportunities like this to see firsthand the impact of MAF's ministry and share these stories with others. This fall, we'll also be traveling to Arizona, Chicago, and Philadelphia for donor events and board meetings. We appreciate your prayers for safe travels and for clear communication as we share the story of what God is doing through MAF.

FAMILY UPDATE

We are excited to share with you the news that our son, Luke, is engaged to marry a wonderful young woman, Tempest Heiner. They met through a church discipleship program, and Luke is now living in her hometown of Bellingham, Washington. They're planning a wedding for August of next year in Washington, and we couldn't be happier for them! Please pray for them as they plan the wedding and prepare for married life.



MINISTRY PARTNERSHIP

Over the last 26 years, rising ministry and living costs have increased our monthly support target from $4,800, when we joined MAF in 2000, to $10,600 today. We're grateful for God's faithful provision through partners like you.

We're always looking for new partners to join us in this ministry, and if you have an interest in becoming part of our support team, or know someone else who might be, please reach out to us.

We are so grateful for your continued interest, support, and prayers for the work we do with MAF. While it looks different from when we first started out in Indonesia, we feel no less invested in the ministry. Thank you for standing with us, every step of the way, and lifting up our family in prayer.

David & Natalie



David in a mountain village in Lesotho, where we picked up this little girl and her mom for medical treatment.



Having a traditional lunch of steak and papa (kinda like grits!) with the MAF staff in Lesotho.

PRAYER & PRAISE

- Please continue to pray for the Ebola situation in the DR Congo. Communities continue to be impacted by this disease, and MAF is helping with flight support as able.
- Praise the Lord for a good trip to Lesotho.
- Pray for the necessary visas and approvals to come through for MAF's new work in Nigeria. The hope is to start flying in the spring of 2027.
- Pray for Luke and Tempest as they plan their wedding, prepare for marriage, and seek the Lord together in the months ahead.

Ways to Give

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