

Merry Christmas dear friends,

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One thing that I really love about Christmas is Hope: hope for salvation, hope for new life, hope for a God who cares—really cares, even when life is tough! The words of the prophet Isaiah come again to us in the book of Matthew, *“Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means ‘God is with us.’”* This is indeed really good news and those of us who know Jesus rejoice. But, what about those who don’t yet know Him? How can people living in really tough circumstances ‘know’ this God of love? We can show them, right? Let me tell you a bit of how we (MAF) and you are demonstrating God’s love to hurting souls in Haiti.



October 4, 2016 will be a day long remembered by many Haitians as the day hope disappeared. That is the day that Hurricane Matthew ripped across Haiti’s Tiburon Peninsula leaving behind death, destroyed houses, ruined crops, and contaminated water supplies. MAF’s team there in Haiti quickly responded—delivering drinking water, food, and other urgently needed supplies. While the novelty of the hurricane’s passing may have faded into ‘old news’ for much of the world, we want these people to know that they are not forgotten—that there is a God who cares, and that He is not mad at them. We do this with every bottle of water, every sack of rice, every box of blankets and medicine delivered.



I am also excited to tell you that our MAF team in Haiti is getting some much-needed help. One of the true pleasures of my work is in equipping new staff for our overseas programs. Dave and Erin Simon just recently finished up their standardization training here and are arriving in Haiti on the 15th of this month. They’ll start their language learning training, and then they’ll soon be right at the pointy end of the spear, being the face of our Lord of love. I enjoyed a good few weeks working with Dave—helping him get a handle on many of the maintenance jobs he’ll deal with as a pilot/mechanic.

Things like inspecting and maintaining the ignition systems on the planes, keeping the fuel injection system properly adjusted, re-sealing and servicing the nose landing gear strut, and taking a propeller apart so he can repair damage caused by rocks (many of Haiti's airstrips are very rocky).



Please don't forget—you are an important part of what the Lord is doing through MAF. Because of you, people who are forgotten by the world can experience love first-hand.

On the home front here with our ministry with El Crucero: we enjoyed a really nice Thanksgiving 'convivio' (pot-luck get together in English) where we had turkey and such, and there was also a lot of delectable



Latin American food too. Many invited friends and family came, and seeds were planted alongside the good food and fellowship. Another bit of encouraging news is that a young lady recently professed her faith in Jesus. Please pray that people would see the hope of new life that is in Jesus.

You all know that as missionaries with MAF we are asked to raise our fair share of the costs it takes to support MAF missionaries across the world. Monies donated towards our account help not just us, but MAF missionaries in Haiti, Africa, Asia, and elsewhere too. We are about 25% short of the target MAF asks us to raise. So dear friends, as the year draws to a close, would you consider a special gift towards our ministry with MAF? The needs of the mission go on, and any gift would be greatly appreciated.

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