



Warsash “Jesus is Lord” Church

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Diary

Aug

26-29 James Street holiday club

30 James Street—puppets

Sept

5 Skittles evening

6 Hawthorn Court Service

20 Hambledon—praise & prayer

21 Care Home Tour

21 Rose Villa

23 Glen Lyn

24 The Firs

26 Forest View

Welcome

We hope that you enjoy today's service

Rachel Mays is preaching this morning

Following the service refreshments will be served downstairs,
 Please join us if you can.

Next week **Martin Lloyd** is preaching.

Healing / Kingdom / Covenant

Meetings: Sunday August 9th, 16th, & 23rd
 at St Paul's Church 6:30pm



The adoption did not work out!

Greetings from Benin to you and the entire congregation, we trust this finds you all in good health! We spent seven weeks in Ghana for our holidays, we were able to visit Gina's Dad who is over 90 years, and saw my mother and other relatives!

We left the ship with the hope that, we shall come back with a baby girl we saw in an orphanage, but did not work out, we met the officials from the Social Welfare, that are responsible for adoption, and we were told that, the mother of the child would like to give her daughter for adoption, but would like to have her back, in the future!

Due to that fact, we have no option than to let her go! We do know that God is faithful, and He would provide in his timing!

May God bless you all for praying and supporting us financially!

We hope that some day, some of you would be able to come and visit us, and see what you are part of!

May God provide for your every need!

Shalom!

Lawrence, Gina & Daniel.



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DOWNING STREET.

As the recession bites, leaders from the world's richest countries have been encouraged to plunder the world's greatest treasure — the Bible.

Just before the G20 Summit, politicians and faith leaders met at Downing Street where Bible Society's Poverty and Justice Bible took centre stage. And the Bible's money advice won backing from Financial Secretary to the Treasury, Stephen Timms MP.

'We need more of the kind of politics that develops when the Bible is believed and taken seriously,' said Stephen, as he praised events like Make Poverty History. 'I very much agree with Bible Society that the description of the Bible as a dusty, outdated rulebook is a dusty, outdated description.'

The Normal Christian Life

"For the Kingdom of God is not in word, but in power."

1 Cor. 4:20 NKJV

It is abnormal for a Christian not to have an appetite for the impossible. It has been written into our spiritual DNA to hunger for the impossibilities around us to bow at the name of Jesus.

The lack of miracles isn't because it is not in God's will for us. The problem exists between our ears. As a result, a transformation, a renewing of the mind, is needed, and it's only possible through a work of the Holy Spirit that typically comes upon desperate people.

Stories of the impossible are becoming the norm, and the company of people who have joined this quest for an authentic gospel, the gospel of the Kingdom, is increasing. Loving God and His people is an honour. We will no longer make up excuses for powerlessness because powerlessness is inexcusable. Our mandate is simple: raise up a generation that can openly display the raw power of God.

Excerpts from [When Heaven Invades Earth](#) chapter 1 by Bill Johnson
Destiny Image Publishers

Walk with them... LOVE ON ITS KNEES

"THERE IS NO FEAR IN LOVE"

1 John 4:18

On the face of it, he and I had nothing in common. He was a Muslim theologian. I was an evangelical Christian — and an exceedingly intimidated one at that. I hadn't quite expected that a call to prayer would lead to a face to face encounter with the very people I longed to be praying for.

I was an invited guest to a meal to celebrate the breaking of the fast. He sat opposite me. I smiled, and sensing the guidance of the Holy Spirit asked the most respectful question that had been revealed to me in my prayerful preparation: "What revelations of the divine have you had during these last weeks of Ramadan?"

He searched my face for any glimmer of disrespect or foolhardiness. None found, his response will live with me forever. "You might like to know that by my bed is a compendium of the works of C. S. Lewis. No other man has been of greater help in my quest to understand the divine."

I felt the door open, and with respect and gentleness I shared my story of the Prince of Peace. He listened intently and respectfully. He gave me a contemporary translation of the Quran; I gave him a copy of the Bible, the best one I could afford. (Brother Andrew had prepared me well: "Don't get smart.

If you don't know the answer, say so. Give your testimony, and make sure you take a Bible to give as well")

As we spoke God did something. There was a palpable sense of His presence presiding over our discussion in that rowdy community centre — and within me I sensed the beginning of a genuine sense of love for this fellow seeker. We parted as friends.

With all my heart, I long and work for the day when my brothers and sisters in Christ across the Muslim world can have similarly respectful encounters. That's why we pray for them especially during Ramadan.

But we also pray for Muslims. This is love on its knees. We must never buy into the scare tactics of the few that would sow seeds of hatred towards those who now live amongst us. Rather, our love is expressed in prayerful action.

My passion now is that those that I encounter, friend or foe alike, will meet the resurrected Christ in me, not so much in what I say but in the way that I act. Today I live in the certainty that love casts out all fear!

Eddie Lyle
CEO Open Doors UK & Ireland

Message from the Chairman and the Chief Executive (MAF)



A year of great blessing

MAF has been greatly blessed by God in 2008, and it is only right that we should acknowledge His greatness. In a year that has seen many challenges, the whole team at MAF has looked to God for His help and found Him to be faithful

Meeting the global fuel crisis

Perhaps the greatest single pressure during 2008 came from the extraordinary rise in the cost of fuel for our aircraft. With the price of aviation fuel

reaching more than £8 per gallon in the isolated locations where we serve, reduction in our services looked a very real possibility as the rapid escalation in fuel costs threatened our operations. Although prices have now fallen back from these levels, the cost of aviation fuel has remained stubbornly high in the areas of the world in which we operate.

After much prayer and seeking God's wisdom, MAF UK launched an appeal to our Supporters asking them to help meet the additional costs that we faced as a consequence of these rising fuel prices. On behalf of the whole MAE family, we extend our heartfelt thanks to all who contributed so generously to the £1,430,000 raised.

Without the prayer support, encouragement and gifts from our Supporters, none of the operational highlights below would have been possible.

Enabling rebuilding

MAF has often been one of the first organisations to arrive in affected areas, flying in teams to assess the damage and commence the huge task of rebuilding communities.

MAF assisted partner organisations in Bangladesh, working to construct houses where cyclone Sidr left 1½ million people homeless. As the country has begun to rebuild from the effects of cyclone Sidr, our work was multiplied through a grant from DfID for which we are very grateful.

With ongoing flight support, Habitat for Humanity and Christian Aid Ministries were able to work in the remote village of Mirzaganj where 3,000 houses had been totally destroyed.

We have also been able to respond to natural disasters in other countries.

Medical safaris

Conflict in Chad forced the closure of our service in February, but key staff returned and restarted operations in May. Flying to remote communities such as Gama, Kimré, Bembare and Koblagué means medical teams can devote more time to delivering medical care to patients, and to

training local nurses.

In Chidudu, Tanzania, a long queue of mothers waiting with young children to be weighed, vaccinated or seen by the doctor is now a sobering sight. But just how many of these children will make it to their fifth — or even first — birthday? Their chances are higher as our monthly flights bring in medical teams.

Responding to conflict

MAE worldwide also faced the difficulties of civil unrest and war in several countries in which we operate, including Kenya, Chad and Sudan. We are thankful to God for the safety of our staff and our aircraft in these turbulent times, and that MAF flights brought assistance to many people whose lives had been threatened and blighted by conflict.

Following post-election violence in Kenya, we received an endless stream of emergency calls. In the first 2 days, we evacuated 75 Kenyan people from Eldoret, Kisumu, Kitale and Homa Bay. With fresh flare-ups as January closed, flights to and from the Rift Valley rescued 50 more from a horrible fate.

Saving lives

Two young boys in Madagascar, Todisoa and Rakotozafimimahaleo, had exposed hernias. The doctor advised that both of the lads would die without surgery. We flew them to the capital Antananarivo. Twenty days later, we flew the boys home, both of them having recovered. Country Director Jakob Adolf comments, 'Saving these young lives alone made it worth building the new airstrip in Sahakevo.'

In Kenya, pilot Derek Reeh was called upon at 9pm to evacuate a patient with kidney failure from Uganda. Committed out-of-hours teamwork right through the night enabled us to collect the patient and transport him safely and swiftly to Nairobi, where an ambulance rushed him to hospital.

A partially-paralysed woman delivered twins prematurely in Bangladesh. All three were in a very serious condition. Our plane sped to Barisal Airport to rush the family to Dhaka. Only by the grace of God was the MAF aircraft so close that day and available to respond immediately.

Carrying the Gospel

The main focus of Aid Sudan is training Sudanese and Ugandan pastors. But Aid Sudan also seeks to meet physical needs, establishing wells, training teachers, and teaching hygiene. Four times a year, we fly teams into three different remote locations to progress their projects. Evangelist Ruth Kambenga joins up with our monthly Kilimatinde Safari in Tanzania. She writes, 'With the plane, I can spend a whole day each month at Mahaka without neglecting my family. I know that God has called me to tell people the Good News in Mahaka. It has made a huge difference in the community there.'

Laura Westley flew trainers to Ulaangom in Mongolia's extreme west for a leadership course. The 100 delegates assumed that their training would endorse 'being in charge'. They were amazed at the 'servant leader' concept presented. In Mongolia, Christianity is seen as both autocratic and domineering. Now these delegates have seen Christianity in action.

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In Papua New Guinea, the year saw the completion of an 18-year project by Wycliffe Bible Translators to translate the New Testament into the Bimin language. Having provided air support to the Wycliffe team over the years, MAP staff were invited to the dedication celebrations, flying in other guests as well.

Multipling ministry

MAF works in partnership with more than 1,000 relief, aid and mission organisations in over 35 developing countries, enabling them to reach and help more people more quickly than could be achieved without the use of aircraft. In this way, we live out our vision -to see isolated people physically and spiritually transformed in Christ's Name. Our ability to serve even more remote communities has been enhanced during 2008 by the opening of 20 new airstrips around the world.

Building airstrips

Partnering with HoverAid, we are helping to establish medical outreach in remote Ankavandra, Madagascar. Our team plans to build an airstrip closer to the village, as the current strip is unusable when river levels are high. This will enable regular healthcare provision for the villagers.

The landing strip at Derre in central Mozambique was cleared for MAF to land there for the first time in October. Trees were chopped down, the grass cut and the surface compacted. This is good news for Boa Nova Para Africa (New Tribes Mission), which serves in Derre and uses our flights from South Africa.

Our Uganda team began planning an airstrip for Buvu, one of the Ssesse Islands in Lake Victoria. The island community is very excited about the venture. We met with local councillors, the Chief of Police and members of the community before surveying the potential site.

Strengthening service

In Juba, southern Sudan, significant human effort in oppressively hot temperatures has enabled development of the MAP compound and sub-base. Organisations including World Vision, Food for the Hungry, Medair and ADRA have a big presence in Juba. With one of our aircraft now based there, a pilot has joined the team, serving the area more effectively and efficiently.

One flight from Juba carried ten pastor- students of Africa Inland Church back to their home area around Lekongole, where their village community and extended family were waiting. Having been away for more than eight months, their return was greeted with dancing, singing, hugging and joyful tears.

Providing resources

During 2008, we give thanks to God for:

- An increase of 15% in the income of MAF UK to £10.5 million (2007: 4.9% to £9.2m)
- An increase of 9,900 in our UK Supporter base (2007: 9,700)
- Two new families joined MAF UK (commencing or preparing for service with MAP overseas)
- Our second annual Day of Prayer under the banner 'Your Kingdom Come'

These achievements also reflect the dedication and hard work of all our staff, Volunteers and Supporters, to whom we extend our warmest thanks.

Facing challenges with prayer

The dangers faced daily by MAF's pilots were brought home to us all by the sad loss of pilot Hadleigh Smith in an accident in Australia. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, but this serves as a reminder that we need your constant prayer support.

The economic difficulties facing the whole world may present many people with further challenges in the year ahead. But we have confidence in our great God. Please do pray that His work, through MAF will continue to bring blessing in 2009.

Yours in Christ,

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Regular Activities

Sundays	10:15am	Prayer in the vestry
	10:30am	Morning service with children & young people's work 1st Sunday in the month Communion
	6:30pm	Prayer meeting — 2nd and 4th Sunday in the month
Monday	7:30pm	Puppet ministry <i>for info contact Brian 01489 584317</i>
Tuesday	1:00pm	Craft Afternoon <i>for info contact Isabel 01489 584317</i>
	7:30pm	Re-Mix (youth) <i>for info contact Adam 07515719462</i>
Wednesday	7:30pm	House groups—various locations and alternate weeks <i>for info contact Linda 01489 581009</i>
Thursday	10:15am	Coffee Morning <i>for info contact Charlie or Sylvia 01489 600523</i>
Friday	2:00pm	House group—alternate weeks <i>for info contact John or Ida 01489 576511</i>
	7:30pm	Worship Practice <i>for info contact Brian 01489 584317</i>