

## We are Retiring from MAF!



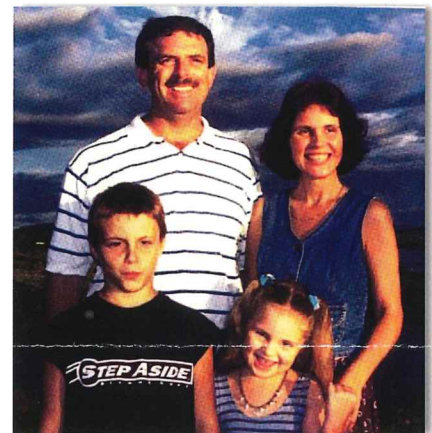
Greetings, dear friends,

As I sit down to write, I'm reminded of Doris Day's song, "Sentimental Journey." **This will be our last MAF letter to you, as we are retiring from missionary service.** Emotions well up within me as I think back on the journey our Lord has led us on and how you all have been with us every step of the way. **We are so very grateful for all of you who have lifted us up in prayer and given so sacrificially to our ministry with MAF.** So, if it's okay with you, we invite you to join us on a brief

sentimental walk through the last 40 years of our (and yours, too) ministry with MAF.

**1984, Honduras**—After joining MAF as a pilot/mechanic family in 1984, we departed for our first field assignment to the Central American country of Honduras. Little did we know that we were going to be asked to serve at a very remote mission base—about a two-hour flight from the capitol, or five days on the ocean and 12 hours in a dugout canoe, to reach the village of Ahuas—where we lived among the Miskito people. There we supported the work of the Moravian Mission Clinic, the UN-sponsored refugee programs, and missionaries ministering among the Miskito people. It was during this time, living in Ahuas, that our son, Jesse, was born. Thank you, Lord, for allowing us the privilege of serving there—we learned a lot about ourselves and Your love for those who are forgotten by the world.

**1989, Venezuela**—As our first term of overseas service came to an end, MAF asked us to move to the South American country of Venezuela, where we lived in the small city of Puerto Ayacucho, on the very edge of the Amazon Rainforest. There we served many missionaries ministering to the Pumé, Panare, Piaroa, Ye'kwana, Yanomamö, Sánuma, Maco, and Yuana people. We also supported two different governmental organizations—one focusing on malaria research and abatement and the other providing basic medical/dental care. It was during our time in Venezuela that our daughter, Hannah, was born. Thank you, Lord, for the many years serving there—we learned even more about ourselves and Your love for isolated people. **(Photo on the right—Venezuela 1996)**



**1999, Mexico**—After a decade in Venezuela, MAF asked us to move to southern Mexico, where we lived in the city of Oaxaca. We weren't there in Oaxaca very long, but we were able to connect deeply with some Zapotec friends there. While we served in Mexico, the Lord taught us even more about ourselves and His love for us and others.

**2001, MAF Headquarters**—For the past 20-plus years now, I have been working at MAF's headquarters serving as an Aviation Maintenance Instructor. This has been a very good time for evaluating and training the next generation of MAF pilots/mechanics and maintenance specialists. Jesus teaches us that we need to train up those who will carry on after us. We can call this process *mentoring*, but it is really a form of *discipleship*—and we are grateful to Him, and to you too, for having been a part of MAF's ministry to people living in isolation—both physically as well as spiritually.

April 5<sup>th</sup> will be our last day of full-time MAF ministry, and your continued support until then will be greatly appreciated. Any recurring gifts will automatically end at that time, and you will not need to do anything more.

**Please Consider Supporting**—If you believe in the vision and mission of MAF and would like to partner with someone new, we'd love to suggest either Roger and Barbara Clark or Caleb and Josie-Lynne Yoder. You may change your donation designation by calling Donor Services at (800) 359-7623.



**Roger and Barb Clark ([maf.org/Clark](http://maf.org/Clark))** began their service with MAF in Africa. Roger is a maintenance specialist at MAF US headquarters and is honored to provide consistent, high-quality maintenance on our airplanes used for service and training.



**Caleb and Josie-Lynne Yoder ([maf.org/yoder](http://maf.org/yoder))** have been with MAF for three years. Caleb is a maintenance specialist currently serving at MAF US headquarters. They would eventually like to serve on one of our MAF programs.



Piper Jayne and her little sister Ember Reyne

**What's next?** We don't have any big plans, but we look forward to spending much more time together—we still really enjoy each other a lot. We look forward to being able to spend more time with our kids and grandkids, too. I (Steve) continue to avocationally pastor El Crucero (our small Spanish-speaking immigrant church). With time permitting, I'll do some volunteer work with my maintenance training team at MAF and perhaps help out on the shop floor, too.

**Thank you, friends. We could not have done this without you. Our stories have been your stories, too, because of your partnership with us in ministry.**

Love,

*Steve and Debbie*

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