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We Made it!

After seven years of dreaming, preparing and training we are finally a part of the Mission Aviation Fellowship family as “pre-fielders”. That is our status as of present because now that we have passed all the testing and training, our next task is raising the support for our family to move overseas and begin our field assignment.

Last week we received our field assignment, sort of. The Siebrings will be serving in the continent of Africa with MAF. The specific country and program where we will be stationed has not yet been determined. This is to be expected in the nature of MAF’s ministry. MAF is there to meet needs in crisis situations in all the areas we serve throughout the world. The flexibility and mobility of the aircraft we operate allows our programs to respond to famine one week and assist in evacuating a war torn region the next.

MAF provides time critical medical services, transportation for missionaries and national Christians, Information Technology support through email hubs and HF/VHF Radios, and Distance Education. Some other areas of service include national training as well as community development and evangelism and church support. The vision of MAF is to multiply the effectiveness of the church using aviation and other strategic technologies that overcome barriers in reaching the world for Christ.

I will be serving MAF as a missionary pilot supporting all the above stated tasks. Julie will be serving as mom to our three young children and as time allows performing flight support duties as well as communicating to all of you back home. This is very important considering all our partners in this ministry are just as much the missionary, as us who go to the field. Through your prayer and financial support we are able to go forth and accomplish the great co-mission.

We are so thankful for your relationship with us. We have already been encouraged by the generosity of so many. To describe our situation in Pilot jargon, We have pre-flighted the aircraft, we have filed a flight plan. Now all we need is a full flight crew that will copilot this flight. If you are interested in taking a seat as one of our flight crew please look inside and respond to our new prayer card. Then when our crew is complete we will be cleared for take off to bring the Good news to the people of Africa.

**In His Service: Ray & Julie Siebring
Elias, Gabriella, & Josiah**

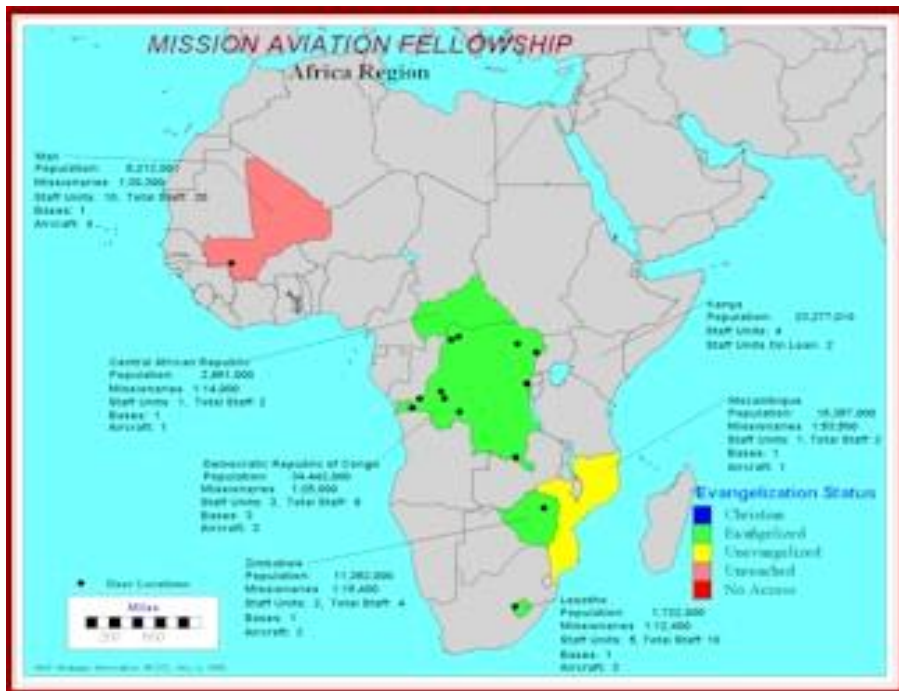


The Siebrings in New England



Josiah at the Beach

Elias & Gabriella At Disneyland



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