



# Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

## The Story of "Sandy"

If planes could talk, what a story this one could tell! In August of 2021, Mission Aviation Fellowship purchased a used Caravan in Europe from someone who wanted to see it used for ministry in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Despite being a little under 13 years old, the aircraft had logged very few flight hours.

After some MAF-specific modifications, we sent the plane to be painted. Unfortunately, the paint shop damaged the aircraft by sanding down about 2,000 rivets; the plane became unfit to fly. N717RD was sent to a company that specializes in rebuilding aircraft to have the rivets replaced.

With the repairs complete, the Caravan went on to a different paint shop to finish the job, after which the plane returned to MAF headquarters. By that point, we had a strict time frame to get the plane ready for service because the DRC limits imported aircraft to 15 years of age or less. Finally, more than two years after the plane's purchase, MAF employees and guests gathered around to dedicate her to the Lord, and she made her way halfway around the globe.

In a hangar where people work on major projects, some aircraft stand out for various reasons and may acquire a nickname. This one became known as "Sandy" in memory of the sanded rivets. Whatever she ends up being called, she will be a tremendous blessing to those she serves in Congo.



*N717RD when we bought her*



*"Sandy" in our hangar*



*Dedicating Sandy for service to God*



*Upon arrival in the DRC*



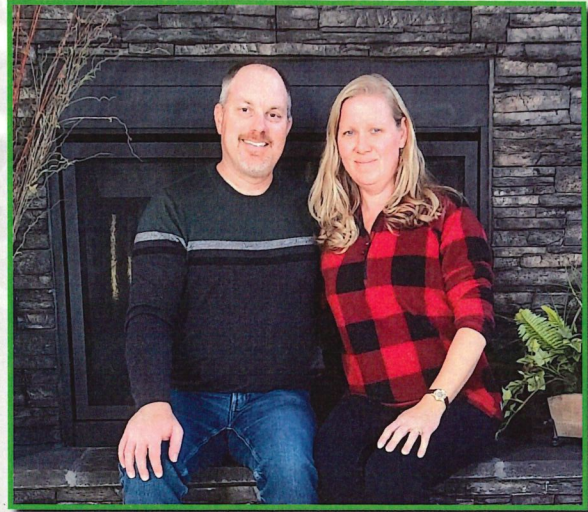
# Thank You!!

Our ministry with Mission Aviation Fellowship would not be possible without the faithful prayers and gifts of individuals, families, and churches. Yes, we're talking about you!

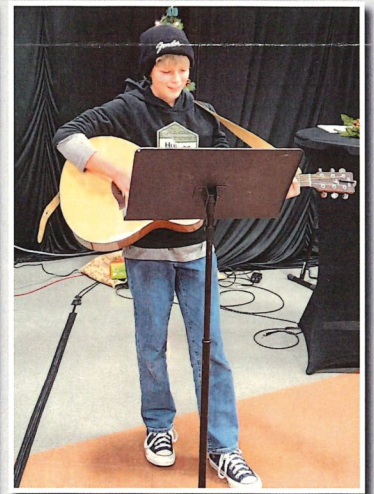
As we reflect back on 2023 and all that God has done through the work of MAF, we are humbled that He allows us to play a part in it. By partnering with us, you also play a vital role in bringing help, hope, and healing around the world through aviation.

Looking ahead to 2024, we are excited to see what God has in store, both in our own lives and those of our children. This Christmas season, we are traveling to Kevin's parent's house in Michigan, where we'll get to spend time with them and our three kids. Kevin's brother and family recently relocated from Texas to Michigan, so we're excited to celebrate with them as well.

Our family desires to maintain an attitude of thankfulness in 2024. May we take time to reflect on all that God has done for us, including sending His one and only Son to be the perfect sacrifice in our place. That's something worth celebrating and sharing!



Kyle & Annie get to spend some time with Grandma and Grandpa in Michigan during the Christmas break.



Ryan enjoys playing guitar for our church and during youth events.

## Ministry Partnership

Thank you for prayerfully supporting the ministry of MAF. If you have already joined our team financially, thank you! If you would like to be a part of our team through giving, why not today? Please pray and ask God if He would have you donate to assist us in seeing isolated people changed by the love of Christ—bringing help, hope, and healing through aviation.

*Blessings this Christmas Season.*

*Kevin & Melissa Borrer*



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