

On the Rhoads

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Brad and Susan Rhoads serving Christ worldwide with Mission Aviation Fellowship

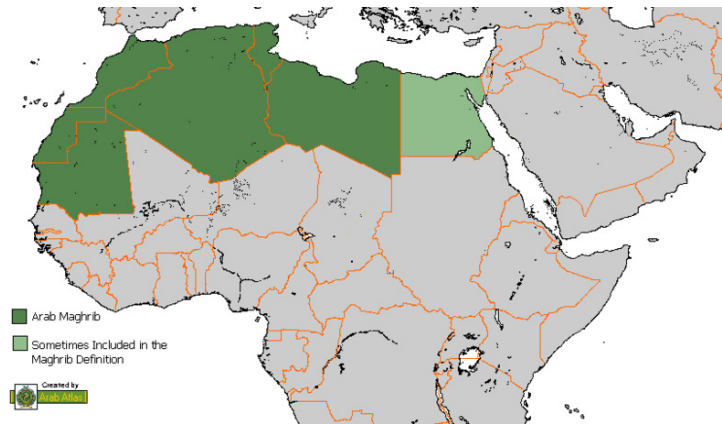
Blessings & Requests

- Thank God for bringing our ministry support up to 43%.
- Pray for the believers in northern Africa as they receive the God Pods.
- Pray for our family's health and safety while traveling.
- Pray that the churches and individuals that we speak at in the coming weeks will join our team.
- Pray that our friends looking for work and in new business ventures will be blessed so that they can be a blessing to others.

Released from Bondage in Northern Africa

In a certain country in northern Africa, human beings are still experiencing the bonds of slavery. More importantly, of the over three million people in this Muslim nation, less than 200 have been released from the bondage of sin by accepting the freedom that comes through the blood of Christ. These believers are desperate to grow in their knowledge of the Lord and to share the story of His love for the world with others.

These believers face enormous challenges. The national government stands ready to kill anyone who renounces Islam for Christianity. How are these Christians going to be able to study God's Word? They do not know how to read or write.



One Learning Technologies team member reported, "My recent trip to North Africa, reminded me again of the many places in the world where our brothers and sisters must take daily personal risks to be witnesses for Jesus. It's something we so easily take for granted currently in our land of freedom. The zeal and selflessness of the brothers

and sisters from Maghreb (another term for the North Africa countries), makes me wonder if persecution would be the greatest gift we, in America, could receive. One man I met had been to prison multiple times just because of his faith in Christ. The joy in his life was very evident."

The Learning Technologies team of Mission Aviation Fellowship is working to equip these believers with Bible training they can understand-by hearing. A current project includes delivering 119 Mega Voice (a.k.a. God Pod) devices to the believers in this country. Each of these solar-powered MP3 players contains over 30 hours of oral Bible teaching, in three different languages. In addition to the New Testament and Psalms, the teaching also includes God's Story, an 80-minute chronological story of the Bible.



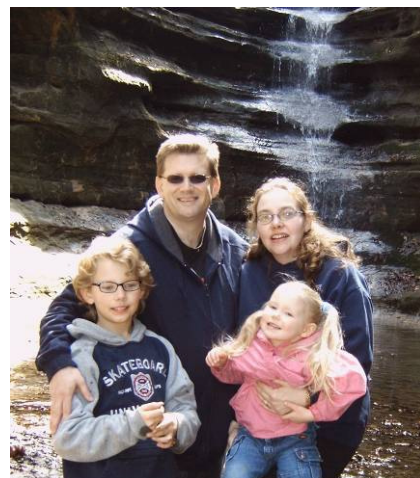
The God Pod

Romans 10 asks us, "How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? . . . Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ." We can't mention the name of the country, but we can tell you that the people there will find freedom as they listen because they ". . . will know the truth and the truth will set them free" (John 8:32).

Continuing to Celebrate God's Gift of Life

April 2nd marked Brad's 40th birthday. For some people, 40 seems young, for others it seems old. For our family, this momentous occasion is a reminder of God's faithfulness and His call on Brad's life. It was less than two years ago that God used an accident to reveal Brad's genetic heart condition. The words of the Mayo surgeon who repaired Brad's heart still ring in my ears. If left undetected, the aneurysm would likely have ruptured within a year, causing instant death.

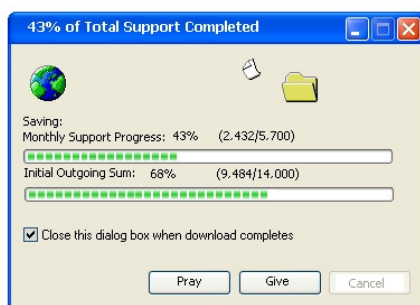
Through these events God saved Brad's life and called our family to serve Him through the Learning Technologies team of MAF. We thank God for preserving Brad's life and giving our family the opportunity to serve Him in this way. We can't wait to move to Idaho where we will see Brad's God-given gifts and talents used to change lives for Christ.



We celebrated Brad's birthday by exploring the trails at Starved Rock Park.

Dear Friends,

Thank you for praying! We are seeing God work in amazing ways. He's teaching us patience and humility. We are completely convinced that "without Him, we can do nothing". The first week of February, our support was only at 19% and we needed to be at 35% by the end of the month to be able to continue. We called into action a group of prayer warriors to lift this need to the Lord.



God provided the needed support! We are excited to have reached 43%, and are anxiously waiting to see how God will supply the rest. If each person who receives this letter but has not joined our support team would supply just \$10/month, our ministry would be fully funded!

Would your family be willing to sacrifice one fast food meal per month to invest in our ministry of bringing training to Christian leaders in the remotest areas of the world? Some people who read this may think that someone else will make that investment—will you be that someone else?

God's Love,

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