

# On the Rhoads

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Brad and Susan Rhoads serving Christ worldwide with Mission Aviation Fellowship

## Blessings & Requests

- Thank God for hundreds of faithful Ministry Partners
- Pray for 10 more (\$40) monthly partners
- Pray for all the details related to our move to Idaho
- Pray for the growing church in Africa
- Pray for the economy to stabilize and for the impact of the economy on missions around the world

## Down To The Last Detail

*The foundation for God's Temple was laid in the fourth year in the month of Ziv. It was completed in the eleventh year in the month of Bul (the eighth month) down to the last detail, just as planned. It took Solomon seven years to build it (1 Kings 6:38, The Message).*

It took Solomon seven years to build the temple. Seven years. There have been times when it felt like it might take us that long to finish building our Ministry Partnership Team. But God had some things to teach us about humility and about trusting Him. And as of today, God has recruited 125 families and churches to support this ministry financially and there are hundreds more praying for us.

You are a vital part of that team. Because of your commitment to pray for us and because of generous financial support we have now reached 100% of our initial ministry support goal! We are writing to you to say thank you for responding to God's call and bringing us this far!

However since we started raising our support we've seen changes in the economy and our original goal will no longer cover our expenses. As of October 1st each MAF family needs to raise \$6,300/month.

Since we've met the initial goal we'll be able to start working with Learning Technologies this month! And we are making plans to move to Idaho in November. It's our prayer that our ministry will be fully funded at the new level by the time we arrive in Idaho. We only need another \$400/month to be at 100% of our new goal. This means we need 10 more families to invest \$40/month. Then our team will be complete, **"down to the last detail, just as planned."**



## Aslan Is On The Move And So Are We

In *The Chronicles of Narnia*, "Aslan is on the move" is repeated as a message of hope. God has certainly been moving in our lives and that makes us very hopeful about the future. We are very excited about our pending move to the MAF home office in Idaho. And there are several things related to our move that we would especially covet your prayers for.

- Finding a home in a community where God can use us the most, ideally close to church and to MAF
- Finding a church home quickly
- Safe travel from Illinois to Idaho
- Easy adjustment for the kids



## We Know By Experience

Nate Saint is the best known MAFer in history. He was the pilot in a group of five missionaries who were martyred in Ecuador in 1956. Their story was told in the movie *The End Of The Spear*. These are the words of his sister Rachel, early in his ministry, at a time when he was worried about financial support.

*We know by experience that His promises are good and that He is abundantly able to supply your needs out of His storehouse where He keeps universes, worlds, moons, stars. In His other storehouse He has grace unbounded, billows of love and oceans of care for His own, mountains of patience, and other good things abundantly above all that we can ask or think.*

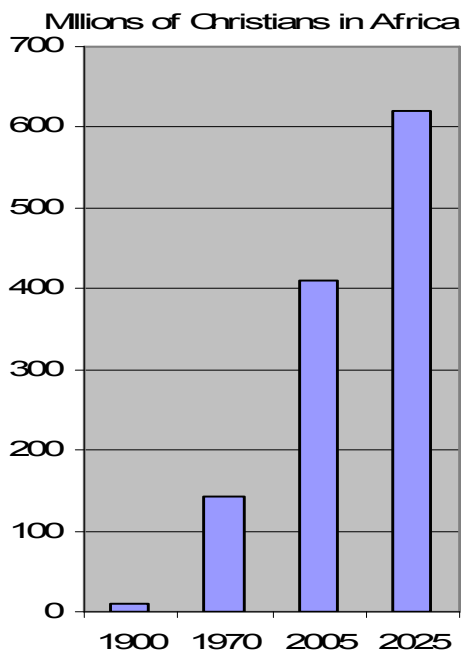
As we look at the list of our Ministry Partners, we see family and life-long friends. But we also see many names of people we've never met. That fact is surprising and humbling to us. There was a time when it really wasn't clear if we would ever have full support for our ministry, and our future with MAF was at risk. We worked and worked but nothing we did worked. But we never should have doubted. God was just answering our prayer that it would be obvious that it was Him building our team.

Like the Saint family, "We know by experience that His promises are good and He is abundantly able to supply." This quote is from the book, *Jungle Pilot*, by Russell T. Hitt. You can request a free copy on the MAF website: [http://www.maf.org/nate\\_saint](http://www.maf.org/nate_saint)



*Our family in front of Nate Saint's airplane at the MAF home office in Nampa, ID last summer. We can't wait to get back!*

## Christianity Exploding in Africa



"A new study from the Center for the Study of Global Christianity estimates that there will be 200 million more Christians in Africa by 2025. For there to be one pastor for every 200 people, the Church must educate one million pastors in 17 years. Africa does not have enough well-trained pastors to lead its large flock. Many churches are led by individuals with little or no biblical training. Over time, cults and false teachings often infiltrate the churches, leading congregants away from God and the truths of Scripture. However, the Spirit is at work, and the church is growing!" (Third Millennium Ministries)

We are excited and blessed to get to be a part of meeting this growing need for pastoral training through the work of the Learning Technologies team of Mission Aviation Fellowship and would like to invite you to be a part of this much-needed ministry. In addition to more prayer support we need an additional \$400/month of ongoing financial support to cover all the expenses of our ministry. Thank you for prayerfully considering your role in this ministry.

You can give online at [www.maf.org/rhoads](http://www.maf.org/rhoads)

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