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# On the Rhoads

MAF Learning Technologies

## Bringing the Gospel to those unable to read



Mauricio, the Latin America Director of LT, was asked to visit a small, rural church in Costa Rica and preach for several days. As Mauricio was preparing for his trip, he packed some Bibles on cassette tapes, a few tape players and even some hand-crank generators to power the tape players. God was preparing Mauricio to bring the Bible to someone, but who? When he arrived at the church, he met a woman who was unable to read and a boy who is blind. Both of them had a passion to learn from God's Word, but faced challenges doing so. They were the children of

God whom Mauricio was prepared to help with the Bibles on tape. God had orchestrated this amazing set of events, and connected pieces of technology with the people in need. This is another example of how MAF Learning Technologies has the role of providing appropriate solutions to people in very challenging situations. **Please pray that Mauricio and all the Learning Technologies team will have opportunities like this to continue ministering to those in need.**

## Continued Progress on the Digital Library System

We want to thank you for partnering with us in the ministry of Mission Aviation Fellowship Learning Technologies. Your prayer and financial support are making it possible to bring national-language Christian materials to church planters, pastors and believers around the world. Over the last year Brad has been developing a computer program which creates digital libraries.

Programs like this which already existed required the users to have constant, high-speed internet access, making them unusable for those who need them most. Now, ministries around the world will be able to use this newly written system, Ibidem, to create their own libraries of ministry resources. Once created, these libraries can be distributed to users on CDs and USB drives. Imagine being able to fit an entire library in your pocket!



National language, Christian materials will be able to be easily distributed digitally.

# Prayer Requests

What a joy it has been to visit with ministry partners in the Midwest this summer! We are encouraged by the faithful supporters who regularly pray for and give to this ministry. Visiting with you and seeing the power of your prayers has prompted us to focus this letter on more specific prayer requests.

**Digital Library System:** Computer program used to create digital libraries

- Quick completion of testing, modifications and initial public release



Call in the wild: a Masai tribesman in Kenya makes a connection. There are more than 280 million mobile phone subscriptions in Africa .

## Recruiting

- Pray for more people to be called to this ministry; especially more computer programmers. This would greatly speed up the progress on some of these projects.

## Family

- Great start to the school year; pray especially for balance of life issues and priorities as we home school
- Continued development of relationships, especially for David and Sarah after having been gone for two months

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- Successful use by those who have been anxiously waiting for this, especially those in Thailand and Nepal
- God's direction in the proposed Open Library project; clear vision and communication amongst all the organizations working together on the project

**Celluversity:** New Mobile Phone-Based Training System

- Pray that this project will come to fruition quickly .



Great to have Gramma Nancy with us as we shared the ministry of MAF Learning Technologies