

St Thomas Home Group Study

Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)

MAF Mission Statement:

"Serving together to bring help, hope, and healing through aviation".

Read:

Romans 12:4-8. (NRSV Anglicised)

⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

1. MAF's Mission Statement talks about 'serving'. We all have the gift of 'service' to a greater or lesser degree.

What do you think is your gift of service within the body of Christ?

2. God's gifts are gifts of grace.

What do you think are your God given gifts? *(The Bible lists: prophecy, ministry, teaching, exhortation, giving, leading, serving and mercy; among others).*

Have you ever asked God for a specific gift? How have you used it for him?

3. Have you ever thought to yourself: '*God could/would never use me*'.

Why? How did it impact on your relationship with God?

4. We know we are all members of one body, but what does it mean: "we are members one of another." (for help: 1 Cor. 12:14-22)



Mission Aviation Fellowship

"MAF is the world's largest humanitarian air operator. For over 75 years they have been flying light aircraft over jungles, mountains, swamps and deserts. They enable more than 1,400 aid, development and mission organisations to bring medical care, emergency relief and long-term development. Their pilots and personnel deliver relief workers, doctors, pastors, school books, food, medicines - everything that can only be safely and speedily delivered by air".

5. "In today's world, isolation is one of the main barriers to evangelism and telling people about the love of God. MAF works in partnership with many other mission agencies and organisations to bring the word of God to people who have never heard it before".

How might we at St Thomas' reach people within our own society who are isolated?

6. "One of the most significant ways in which MAF can create connectedness between people in remote areas, is by providing access to healthcare in places where it is scarce, or simply doesn't exist".

Is there a scarce resource in our society that we might seek to relieve?

7. "As Christians, MAF believes that it is not only physical poverty that needs to be tackled, but also spiritual poverty".

How might we recognise and tackle spiritual poverty in Lymington?



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Areas where MAF is involved.

