

## Oaxaca, Mexico

In 1946 Betty Greene took off for MAF's inaugural flight to Mexico from California transporting a couple of Wycliffe missionaries. Since those early days MAF has expanded (along with our sister organizations) to meet physical and spiritual needs in 37 different countries with a fleet of more than 135 aircraft.

Earlier this year I had the chance to visit the MAF affiliate program (locally called Alas De Socorro) located in the Southern Mexico state of Oaxaca, where they have had a permanent base since 1958. I enjoyed flying with several of their pilots and seeing the impact that they are continuing to have within the local community. The airplane used in Mexico is able to provide a link from the city of Oaxaca to the rural areas in the mountains that originally were resistant to the Gospel. By using the airplane to meet the physical needs in these areas, they were ultimately able to help meet some of the spiritual needs and there is now a small group of believers in many villages that are

What a blessing it is to be a part of an organization that has been able to serve in this area faithfully for the last 76 years.



Amos grew up near the MAF hangar and seeing Alas De Socorro in action within his community. He now is serving as the primary pilot and mechanic for two airplanes. A highlight of my trip was flying with him to the coast and hearing his story about how God called him to serve as a pilot with Alas De Socorro.

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served by the team.

When I lived in Lesotho I had to travel back to the US every 4 years to attend IPS (Instructor Pilot Seminar). This interaction with the training department and other pilots from around the world was always a highlight of my time. In my current role, I am excited to be involved from Nampa and be able to help facilitate this training for our field pilots. In this photo I am working with Andy, an instructor pilot from Suriname.

## Kiddos' Korner

Recently Evi and Caleb had a chance to attend a retreat up in the mountains of Idaho that was attended by MAF youth who have grown up as TCKs (Third Culture Kids) from all over the world. We are so blessed to be a part of an organization that cares for and invests in our kids.

Caleb—Earlier this year Caleb passed me up and is now taller than me! He is working his way





**Evi**—Since Christmas Evi has had some significant pain and other issues with her leg which have resulted in multiple x-rays and an MRI. Unfortunately nothing was found and she still is dealing with some pain. Pray that her leg would heal, especially as she looks to leave for college. Continue to pray for wisdom as Evi finalizes plans for next year. She hopes to attend Dallas Baptist University in Texas. Pray that the finances and details would work

out. She graduates at the end of MAY! Hard to believe our little girl is headed off to college.

Jackson—Jackson is thriving in Middle School. He loves spending his afternoons playing football and basketball with friends, and a new Flag Football season starts up this week.



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