

Masons' 100 Hr. Checklist

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Photo by MAF-SR Pilot Rütger Bakker

All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. Only let us live up to what we have already attained.

Philippians 3:15-16



Martinus moving the rivet holes from the old skin to the new skin.



The new skin fits well, with all holes correctly positioned. We'll trim the overlapping yellow section for better access to the main gear.

Thirty Years with MAF! This April marks 30 years since Diana and I joined MAF "to see isolated people changed by the love of Christ and serve together to bring help, hope, and healing through aviation" (MAF's vision and mission statement). After serving in Venezuela, Eurasia, Central Asia, and Idaho, we've now been in Suriname for one year.

In early March, our team held what MAF calls "First Day"—a day set aside each month to worship, reflect, pray, and fellowship with team members. We looked at Philippians 3:13-16. Paul encourages us in verse 16 to keep walking the path to follow Christ. Seeking Jesus sounds like it will require effort and focus (and it does); however, it also should be fascinating and captivating. Keeping the awe in our relationship seems to require studying His words with intentionality. By God's grace, His strength, and your prayers, we can keep walking this path serving Jesus.

Current Project: The first year we served in Venezuela, I rebuilt a damaged aircraft. Last month, we received the belly skin for the damaged aircraft I've been working on here.

Dan Rogers, a friend and mentor from Nampa, came in February to help. We installed over 400 rivets, including 120 blind rivets. The latter can be installed from one side, while solid ones need access to both sides. God provided a donated power rivet puller, which lasted until the second-to-last rivet—God is good!

Dan's machine shop experience opened up options I wouldn't have considered. After painting the repair, we can reassemble the parts and get the aircraft flying again.

The MAF Mission Statement

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