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“I can do everything through him who give me strength.” Philippians 4:13

Serving in Kinshasa, DRC, David shares that Philippians 4:13 is an encouragement to him during stressful times, “that God will give us the means to do what he has asked.” And indeed the Francises are seeing that God is using all their experiences and training throughout their lives as they minister in the Democratic Republic of Congo. To David, the highlight of ministry is “seeing the immediate results from the aid that we can bring people through the transport of pastors, teachers, doctors, other professionals, and materials.” In addition to being a pilot and Chief of Maintenance, David oversees the West DRC automotive activities, and construction and property maintenance. Sandy supports David in his aviation work as well as caring for their family. She also ministers to others through hospitality, teaching music full-time at The American School of Kinshasa, and leading worship and directing the choir at the International Protestant Church of Kinshasa. She has also sung for numerous community events

David grew up in Memphis, TN and Bettendorf, IA. He became open to the Gospel in high school through the prayer and witness of his brother and classmates. He accepted Christ at a youth revival and later dedicated his life to Christian service. Shortly after he was saved, his brother gave him a copy of Jungle Pilot. He shares that God’s call was clear, as he was already looking towards an aviation career and questioning how he could serve. David attended Christian Brothers College in Memphis, TN, earning his B.S. in Mechanical Engineering. He earned his powerplant from Memphis Area Vo-Tech, and his airframe from Tarrant County Junior College in Fort Worth, TX. He has his A&P/IA and commercial SEL. Prior to joining MAF, he served for 17 years in systems engineering with

Lockheed Martin, working on fighter aircraft designs such as the F-16 and F-35, as well as a variety of advanced development projects while assigned to the famous Skunk Works.

Sandy was born in Spokane, WA, but as her father was in the Air Force, the family moved fairly frequently. They ended up in Memphis, TN, when she was in high school. Sandy grew up participating in Air Force chapels and was influenced by her mother’s strong faith. She accepted Christ during a Sunday school assembly program when she was five. Sandy attended Memphis State University, earning her Bachelors of Music Education with voice emphasis and Orff music specialty. She also has an elementary classroom teaching certificate. She has taught pre-school to high school music.

Sandy shares that she has always wanted to minister wherever God sends her, relying on His strength to help her, as it say in Joshua 1:9. “...*Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.*”

David and Sandy met in Memphis, TN, while attending college, and were married in 1986.

God calls the men and women of MAF to serve Him in unique ways. He may also be calling you to a special role in Dave and Sandy’s ministry. Please prayerfully consider becoming a Ministry Partner with them through prayer and/or financial support.

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