



Fondation Mission Aviation Fellowship

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Port-au-Prince, Haïti

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Dear Partners,

The deteriorating security conditions in Port-au-Prince over the last several months have made us unable to continue flight support in Haiti as we currently operate. Within the last six months our staff have directly experienced a kidnapping, family evacuations, death of a staff member, and robberies at gunpoint, to name just a few.

We have been concerned about maintaining good safety margins and having enough staff available as our pilots and mechanics have been rotating back and forth to the U.S. to see their families who have evacuated their homes in Port-au-Prince. In this turmoil, we have continued to fly and support you as much as we can.

However, it has become clear that we must reimage MAF Haiti in the short term to be able to continue to serve in the long term. As we determine how to best ensure the safety of staff and families for the long term, we will reduce our flights beginning March 1 to serve only critical needs where there is no other option. From April 1 through no earlier than January 1, 2024, we will not be able to fly any flights as we build toward safer, sustainable operations next year.

Our leadership has made it clear that we must justify the need for each flight that occurs in March as they expect us to draw down operations. It is difficult to cover every scenario, but we are seeking to prioritize critical people needs over equipment needs. We understand that MAF's departure will affect many of you in significant ways, and we want to prioritize flights that enable those already serving in Haiti to prepare for our absence. We acknowledge the need is great. Please give us grace as we try to balance a requirement to draw down our operation with our tremendous desire to serve your needs while we can.

In order to facilitate the prioritization of critical flights in the month of March, all flights booked from March 1-31 are, as of today, being placed to an "on hold" status. If you believe your flight(s) are critical we ask that you contact us at HT-Bookings@maf.org. Flights that qualify will be returned to "booked" status. If we do not hear from you by three days prior to your flight in March, it will be canceled.

If you would like to charter a critical flight in March, please include the following information in your email: name, organization, phone contact, destination/date/time requested for the flight, and a justification for the critical nature of your flight. We will either create the reservation or decline it. We will also expect that in requesting a flight that you would already be in good financial standing with MAF.

We apologize for the uncertainty this causes you. We know many depend on our services. We are not leaving Haiti or you, but we need to use this time to ensure we can support you for the long term. God bless you all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Carwell".

David Carwell
Country Director

