



March 18, 2015

Dear friends of Mike and Joan,

Please let me introduce myself. My name is Dan Whitehead and I currently live in Ecuador and where I work with MAF as the regional director of Latin America. As the regional director, it is my privilege to work with the MAF personnel that serve in this part of the world that I have come to love.

It's a joy for me to write this letter of commendation for Mike and Joan as they prepare to spend some time in the U.S. For the next six months the Rosses will be on their normal furlough, giving them an opportunity to rest, recharge, renew, and reconnect with many of you.

Mike and Joan have been serving faithfully in Latin America for many years now. They are veterans, with a depth of experience that few missionaries can match. As you know, for the past several years they have been on-loan to our national affiliate in Mexico, Alas de Socorro. Alas de Socorro provides a valuable transportation service to the isolated communities in the mountains around Oaxaca, Mexico. This area is home to many different people groups and cultures, and it is a region that has been resistant to hearing the Good News of Jesus Christ. Because of the service that Alas de Socorro provides, these mountain villages allow the airplanes and the Alas de Socorro staff access to the area, giving them an opportunity to be light and salt. I hope you have a chance to connect with the Rosses during this furlough time so that you might hear firsthand about the work they are involved with in Mexico.

Thank you for caring for the Ross family, and for your support of MAF's work. May God bless you as you serve Him in your corner of the world.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dan", written in a cursive style.

Dan Whitehead
Regional Director – Latin America



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Dear Friends,

We HAVE arrived in the U.S. for a six-month furlough. We are looking forward to visiting with many of you during this period. We are also anticipating lots of special times with our kids and grandkids. It is wonderful to be home. We will be based in the Cleveland, Ohio area and would love to see or hear from you. Please feel free to shoot us an email or call us at (330) 752-4900.

Our last couple of months in Mexico were busy but productive. The last week of January, we once again hosted a dental team from the Cleveland area. They ministered in an isolated community where believers are not welcome. By the end of their visit the community leaders were so appreciative that they provided food for the whole team, requested that the team plan to return, and asked Pedro (a local pastor) to come again to share more about the Gospel.

Mike also finished checking Amos out in several of our mountain airstrips. It was wonderful to leave three operational pilots to carry on the work while we are away.

We would very much appreciate your prayers in the following areas:

- Safe travels to visit churches, supporters and friends.
- Good times of rest and renewal.
- Safety for the flying and maintenance in Mexico.
- Relief for Joan's chronic back pain.

Thank you for your partnership with us in reaching out to unbelievers in Oaxaca.

Love in Him,

Mike & Joan



"I thank my God...for you...because of your participation in the gospel..." Phil. 1:3-5

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