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Dear Janne,

In answer to your question whether the Korhonens are still needed in Tanzania, I would like to share with you the following.

In 2014 we restructured the programme to focus solely on what we considered to be high-impact ministry flying: enabling evangelistic and medical outreach to isolated communities in Tanzania. In order to expand the operation and to continue reaching out to even more remote communities, the development of new airstrips is another key priority of the programme. The programme is flying approximately 50 to 60 hours per month and our pilots are spending quite a lot of time away from home as they work with our partners in those remote locations.

Following the restructure we asked Jarkko to take on the leadership of the programme, while continuing to fly as well. As programme manager he is responsible for the management of the programme, looking after the staff, the budget, and dealing with the government authorities such as the Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority. As a pilot Jarkko continues to fly with medical teams and local pastors as they visit remote clinics and churches in the very remote locations around the Haydom and in the Masai area. In her role as office manager Pirita is also very much involved in the programme and oversees the smooth running and operation of our office in Arusha.

Both Jarkko and Pirita play a vital part in the MAF Tanzania team and we would really like to see them continue to be involved with our ministry in Tanzania.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Lukkien', is written over a horizontal line.

Chris Lukkien
Chief Executive