



Fran & Lori Derocher

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The Derochers have been serving with MAF in Nairobi, Kenya, since the summer of 2000. Initially Fran was the manager of the southern Africa area programs for MAF. However, for the last 11 years, he has served in the position of Regional Director of MAF in Africa. It is a responsibility filled with tremendous joy and struggles as they seek to meet so many needs in the areas MAF serve. As director, Fran has the tremendous privilege of working with some very special and dedicated families who are called to serve in some of the most difficult places and circumstances. Fran shares, "It is a great privilege to be able to work with such a wonderful group of men and women who love the Lord and seek to make Him known across Africa. To think that some have served over 30 years is a testimony to their obedience and faithfulness of the Lord in their lives."

Lori has centered her role on being a supportive wife to Fran and creating a stable, loving home for her family. She also manages the office and does the accounting/bookkeeping for the regional office and helps train others in financial bookkeeping. She says, "I consider it a privilege to work alongside Fran in the ministry God has given us." Lori also enjoys being involved in the local community by reaching out to the poor in a variety of ways. Psalm 105:4 speaks of how Lori desires to serve, "Look to the Lord and His strength; seek His face always."

Fran and Lori both grew up in upper Michigan. They accepted the Lord as their Savior when they were college age. Fran attended Moody Bible Institute, the University of Wisconsin, and Moody Aviation where he received a B.S. in Missionary Aviation. He holds a commercial instrument license and an airframe and powerplant mechanics license. Lori received a degree in Merchandising Management from Michigan State University. She also attended The University of Wisconsin and Moody Bible Institute. Fran and Lori married in 1984.

Their children, Erica, Amber, and Brent have all grown up in Africa and are doing well. Erica is married to her high school sweetheart and working in the DC area, Amber is back in Kenya teaching kindergartners at Rosslyn Academy and Brent is about to graduate, seeking what may be next for him.

Fran chose Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV) as a favorite verse, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." He comments, "Our path has not always been one we would have chosen. It is great to know there is one who will be with us on the path, wherever we go." 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 Fran and Lori's ministry. Please prayerfully consider becoming a Ministry Partner with them through prayer and/or financial support.