

Former MAF Missionary's Plane Goes Missing in West Africa

Jerry Krause of Sahel Aviation Service was flying an aircraft from South Africa to Mali when his plane went missing in the area around São Tomé, off the coast of West Africa, on April 7.

"We were very distressed to learn that Jerry Krause and his plane are missing, and MAF personnel in Africa have been doing what they can to facilitate the search," says John Boyd, president and CEO of Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF).

"After much research and digging, there is a 50% chance that Jerry's plane crashed," says a message posted Wednesday to the Krause family's website, . "That other 50% is the probability that he was captured and forced to fly for some drug lords or guerrilla members. There is evidence now to support both scenarios."

Krause served with Mission Aviation Fellowship for 22 years in Mali and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. He left MAF in 2009 to work with Sahel Aviation Service, a commercial aviation company in Mali.

"Jerry and his family have many friends at MAF," says Boyd. "And many are praying on his behalf. We ask for your ongoing prayer until this situation is resolved."