

Jailed American Missionary in Mozambique Released

American missionary pilot Ryan Koher and two other men jailed in Mozambique for more than four months on suspicion of supporting insurgents have been released, the ministry Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) has reported.

However, Koher and two South Africans, W.J. du Plessis and Eric Dry have been ordered to remain in country as the case is “still ongoing.” The three were freed on Tuesday.

MAF-US says it is grateful to the courts in Mozambique for the decision to release the men, and that it is “continuing to learn more about the next steps in the case from their legal counsel.”

“The executive leaders team of MAF-US expresses its thanks for all those who have been praying for Ryan and his family,” a statement from the organization read. “We asked for continued prayer that the final outcome will be a full release of Ryan from any charges and trial.”

MAF-US reports that Koher is “doing well” following his release and has spoken multiple times with his wife and two sons.

 Koher was allowed to communicate with his family during his incarceration and said he remained “committed to God’s will” despite his tragic circumstances. Koher and the other two men were arrested in November 2022 while preparing to help load vitamins and other supplies on a plane bound for an orphanage in Cabo Delgado, the northernmost province in Mozambique.

The country has been embroiled in a war with the Islamic State, who since 2017, have seized villages, churches and

mosques in the northern region of the country, leaving hundreds dead.

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