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As the three friends finished their starters, Mike looked out of the window. 'Oh, no!' he groaned, 'It's pouring with rain now. Where has the sun gone?'

'At least when it rains here, it's only for a day or two,' replied Alpha. 'We only get a few puddles and can always go inside and wait until it stops. When I was flying with MAF in Suriname – that's a place in South America – they had just had some unusually heavy rainfall, which caused a big flood.'

Alpha continued, saying, 'Because people live by the riverbanks and plant their vegetables near the water in Suriname, the flood destroyed all the crops as well as damaging homes and school buildings.'

'People grow cassava – their main source of food – so it made it really difficult for the people to get enough to eat. To help, we joined with Suriname's disaster response agency to provide emergency food to isolated people cut off by flooding.' 'What food did you bring them?' asked Foxtrot, intrigued.

'We flew to many different places,' said Alpha. 'Each area received about 30 sacks of food containing rice, potatoes, canned vegetables, cooking oil and onions – enough to make basic meals. We provided food for more than 200 families in need!'

'That's amazing, what a blessing the food must have been to those people,' replied Mike.

Foxtrot joined in, saying, 'It's like the Bible tells us in chapter 58 of the book of Isaiah: "Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble." That's exactly what MAF does when it responds to disasters like Suriname's floods!'

Mike, sipping his drink, glanced at the window, saying, 'Oh, look guys, the rain is easing off now!'