

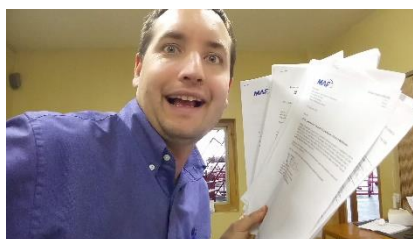
Autumn 2018 - Newsletter

Finding Our Ugandan Routine

It's 6AM. The alarm won't go off for another half hour. A loud click heralds the arrival of the morning call to prayer, as the local mosque flicks on its (very loud) loudspeaker. That's about the time the local Ibis birds start telling us it's time to get up as well. Unsurprisingly, we find ourselves awake a bit earlier than the alarm dictates! Though fortunately we're normally able to enjoy a slightly later start on the weekends. 7AM feels like a truly deserved lie in these days.

The day typically starts with homemade muesli – oats toasted in honey and combined with dried fruits and nuts, and served with full fat milk. That's about all you can get here. We munch quickly and Dave heads up the hill to join the vehicles making the 30-40 minute journey to MAF's base at Kajjansi. It's amazing how quickly you find a new routine, even in a country that still feels quite alien at times.

After the morning, our days are determined by what needs to be done. For Dave that might involve a morning of paperwork, working on modification documentation for avionics changes to the MAF Uganda aircraft, or contacting other programmes to offer support. There might be routine maintenance to complete, or afternoons spent chasing down a fault noticed by a pilot.



For Becky, there are days of Bible studies at Kajjansi with the Ugandan staff, and meetings with women in Kampala. There is prepping and planning to do, shopping trips, various meetings and writing. Only a couple of weeks ago, there was an impromptu trip to Kajjansi early in the morning to assist a film crew using one of our planes to capture some aerial footage of the refugee camps in Northern Uganda. The days look very different from week to week.

And then there are the weekends. We often use Saturdays for the odd jobs that need doing here in Uganda, just as they needed doing in the UK. It might mean a shopping trip, a visit to the doctor for a vaccination, or working on a newsletter to keep you up to date with our life here. Those days are interspersed with more entertaining activities, such as our recent trip to visit the equator in Uganda, along with a walk in a forest on the way. It was nice to get out of the city for a couple of hours, even if it took a while to beat the traffic!

Sunday mornings mean a trip to church. We typically join a service which starts at 9.30am, and is a combination of English and Luganda. Good practice for our language learning skills! We might stop for lunch on the way home, to fuel Dave for an afternoon session of volleyball with several of the MAF staff.

All in all, life has settled into an interesting routine, with some things fixed in place each week, and others decided on the spur of the moment. Whatever the days bring, we're really enjoying our time here in Uganda, nine months in.



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Thank you for your ongoing thoughts and prayers!

Pray...

- For the ongoing saga with Dave's maintenance license, that we could get the required categories added to it quickly.
- For time for Becky to prepare for her upcoming speaking engagements.
- For peace in Uganda after recent protests and violence around the country.

Praise...

- Dave's back continues to behave itself, with no additional pain.
- We thank God for the opportunities that are coming up both within MAF and outside it, to get to know people in this beautiful country.

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A Waterman Update



Dave – A Makeover for BIL

It's been a busy time in the hangar, with routine maintenance, finding faults as and when they crop up, and preparing to swap one of our Cessna 208 Caravans with the plane currently in Liberia. Alongside all of that, I've been busy preparing for a big upgrade to the oldest girl in our fleet, 5X-BIL. Toward the end of this year she'll be completely repainted, have a new interior installed, and be fitted with all new avionics systems. Getting to the stage of fitting the new equipment has involved a lot of planning and paperwork, but it will be wonderful to see the end result!



Becky – Studying & Speaking

After setting myself an initial six months of adjustment time, life is starting to get a lot busier now. I've had the privilege to start running a Bible study group for the Ugandan staff who work at MAF's base in Kajjansi, and I'm also helping to run a weekly ladies study group which is made up of mostly expatriate women from MAF and other organisations. Later in the year I will be speaking at a women's retreat weekend, and some other preaching opportunities are on the horizon. It will be a challenge to continue fitting in writing time, but it's great to see how God is opening doors here.

Routine Flights & Medevacs – MAF's Work in Uganda

Sometimes the work we are involved in here really hits home. After a long day of flying our amazing partner organisations to the north of the country, 5X-BIL returned home to Kajjansi. Instead of taking it easy for the rest of the day as anticipated, the plane was refueled and headed north again to pick up a patient who had been in a serious car accident. The small hospitals in the vicinity could not offer the level of treatment required, and so BIL was able to bring the patient to Kampala and essential medical care.



Without the whole of the team here at MAF Uganda, we wouldn't be able to complete such life-changing work. From the pilot who flew that day, to the engineers keeping the plane running, to the support staff who manage the day to day operations, to the supporters back home in England who are the reason we can remain here in Uganda. Without any part of that chain, the work would not be able to continue. Dave's project upgrading the avionics systems on BIL will improve the safety and performance of all flights in this aircraft, making all the hard work seem incredibly worthwhile.

Thank you so much for continuing to support us here in Uganda; you are an essential part of the team, and without your ongoing thoughts, prayers and financial support we wouldn't be here.

Dave & Becky

Can You PEG Us?

Pray – See the front of the newsletter for some of our prayer and praise points.

Encourage – Knowing you're standing with us helps us to keep going, so please do stay in touch.

Give – It costs MAF a lot for us to be here, so if you can help to support us financially head over to www.maf-uk.org/waterman.

Thank you!

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