

Winter 2018 - Newsletter

Our First Anniversary

Here we are, over a year into our time in Uganda! That time has gone by incredibly quickly. We won't be able to use the 'we haven't been here long' excuse for much longer to explain away our ignorance of the road layout of Kampala. We have really enjoyed our first year here, and we're looking forward to receiving our first guests from the UK when Dave's family come to join us for our second Ugandan Christmas. We even managed to find a turkey!

During their visit we are looking forward to doing a bit of exploring around Uganda to show the family some of the sights of this very beautiful nation. It will be great to see their reactions to things that have become almost commonplace to us now.

MAF Uganda is a very busy programme; there are almost always visitors here, from pilots doing some training or renewing their licenses, to teams from various MAF resourcing groups having a first hand look at the work we do. Everyone in the team here works hard to give our visitors a warm welcome, and that often involves offering them a tasty home-cooked meal.



It really makes you appreciate how international the team here is, when you sit around a table with a communications officer from Denmark, a pilot from Switzerland who works in Papua New Guinea getting some training on the Cessna Caravan, and a South African pilot filling in for us here in Uganda while we're down on numbers. We always love having the opportunity to spend time with people from all walks of life, discovering a little bit more about them and how they came to serve with MAF.

We even had the chance to bring a team of businesspeople and MAF supporters from the Netherlands with us to our church one Sunday. It was very entertaining having the message already translated from English to Luganda, and then into Dutch on our row. It gives you a feel for what heaven might be like – all nations and languages worshipping together to bring glory to God.

All in all, life is going well here.

We've had our tough days; battles with the Civil Aviation Authority for

Dave in trying to sort out the conversion of his European license – still not achieved over a year in, and days of feeling a bit overwhelmed by the cultural differences. There have been moments where we've felt exhausted by the hot weather, and felt discouraged in having a reduced capacity for doing tasks that would seem incredibly easy in England. Those days certainly haven't been the majority though, because in general we feel so blessed to be able to be here and to serve the people of this country and its neighbours. Thank you for your part in getting us here and keeping us here.



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Thank you for your ongoing thoughts and prayers!

Pray...

- For our health, particularly in our Christmas holiday, so we can really enjoy time with family.
- For Dave's work on the big aircraft upgrade currently on the go.
- For Becky as she continues to lead two Bible studies and have other preaching opportunities.

Praise...

- Dave's back has caused no problems at all in the last few months – an amazing answer to prayer!
- For our lovely house. The property MAF found us is located on a beautiful compound with some great neighbours.

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The Latest from the Watermans



Dave – A Busy End to 2018

Life has been a bit manic lately! Along with working hard to progress the big upgrade project on one of our aircraft as far as possible before Christmas, there's also all of the usual maintenance to stay on top of. I had another trip to Kenya for a couple of days recently, to work with the avionics team there who are assisting with the upgrade to 5X-BIL, and also to provide some training on Garmin equipment. I really love the work I'm doing, but I am looking forward to a break over the Christmas holiday to restore my energy!



Becky – Writing and Preaching

Things have been busy for me in the last couple of months as well. Along with the two Bible studies I help to lead each week, and a ladies retreat which I spoke at in November, I've also had an opportunity to teach at a local church. In the last few weeks before Christmas I've been hard at work preparing a new Bible study for the weekly ladies group that I'm a part of. I'm afraid I wasn't able to finish my second novel by the end of this year with everything else that's been going on, but I look forward to working on it in 2019.

Journey Together – A Retreat for Women in Uganda

In November this year, Becky was invited to speak at a women's retreat, about an hour outside of Kampala. 54 women attended, from countries all around the globe, serving in ministries all over Uganda and into South Sudan. The theme of the event was Entering the Promised Land, about living in the fulfilment of all that God has promised to us in the Bible.

The retreat included worship, teaching, a big bonfire, great food and a wonderful chance for all the women to get away from the busyness of life to be refreshed and restored, ready to continue in their ministries. It was also an amazing



opportunity to meet a really great group of women, who are giving their all to serve God in this beautiful country. It's wonderful seeing how God has opened doors for both of us to use the gifts he has given us here in Uganda, and we look forward to seeing what next year will bring!

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 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!

We're Coming Home!

Not for good, don't worry! But in 2019 we will be returning to the UK for a visit to catch up with family and all of our wonderful supporters. We'll be around in April and May, so keep an eye on our website and our social feeds for more about where we'll be when. We look forward to seeing you!

Thank you, thank you, thank you for keeping us in your prayers and for supporting us so we can be here. We couldn't possibly do it without you, and we appreciate you more than we can say. Wishing you a wonderful Christmas time!

Paul & Becky