

## Spring 2019 - Newsletter

### Medevacs and More

Being a part of a support mission is sometimes an interesting feeling – we aren't on the front lines, meeting with those in desperate need. Instead we at MAF are enabling that life changing work to happen by transporting people and provisions to remote communities around Uganda and the neighbouring countries. It is such a vital ministry and one we have a key role in assisting, as we discovered during the last few weeks.

5X-MSP is one of our smaller aircraft; it seats six at full capacity but that would make for a very cosy ride. The plane was in for regular maintenance when Dave and the engineering team were forced to ground it because of a fuel leak. Despite being an avionics manager on paper, Dave helps with any and every part of the aircraft, and he was involved in doing the essential work replacing the broken fuel pump in order to get MSP up and running again as soon as possible.

Days after MSP was released to fly again, its primary pilot, Ping Domtta, flew to the north of Uganda, to a town called Moyo which borders South Sudan. There he collected a patient suffering with severely swollen legs and difficulty breathing, fitting the stretcher in by removing several seats. In under two hours the patient was transported the 359km to Kampala for life-saving hospital treatment.

Seeing that plane go from the hangar floor back to full operation definitely made it hit home how important the work of the engineering team is. In this instance it was helping a desperately ill ministry worker. On other occasions it's transporting pastors to the refugee camps in the north of the country; workers who are planting churches and spreading the gospel message. We see planes move from the hangar floor to full action, bringing physical and spiritual aid to where it's needed the most.

If you've been following us on YouTube, you'll have seen Dave's videos about the upgrade to one of our Cessna Caravans, 5X-BIL. Dave has been managing the whole upgrade project with one of our other engineers, and has overseen the upgrading of all the avionics equipment within. We are so excited to see BIL take to the air again (later this month, if all goes according to plan!) to continue its life-saving and life-changing work in Uganda.



### JOIN THE ADVENTURE

Thank you for your ongoing thoughts and prayers!

#### Pray...

- For our preparations to return to the UK for a visit in April / May this year.
- For safe travel as we fly to the UK and back to Uganda.
- For continued good health and energy in this last month before we travel.
- For the final few bits still to complete on the big upgrade to 5X-BIL.

#### Praise...

- For the opportunities Becky has continued to have to preach and teach here in Uganda.
- We had a wonderful holiday with Dave's family, and enjoyed three weeks off to fully unwind ready to start the new year.

### Stay in Touch

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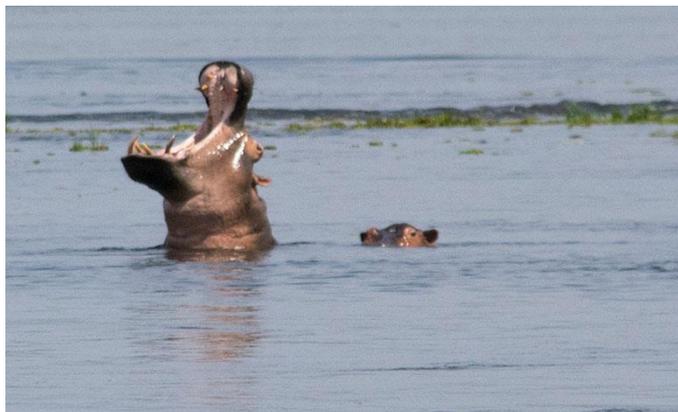
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# Keeping Busy in 2019



## Exploring Uganda

We have so enjoyed taking a bit of time to explore this beautiful country. We visited a safari park with our family over the Christmas holiday, and are only recently returned from a couple of nights staying on the edge of Lake Victoria, and enjoying watching birds of all different shapes, sizes and colours.



## Preaching and Other Projects

While Dave has been busy keeping the MAF planes in the air, Becky has occupied her time preaching and preparing a group Bible study program, complete with discussion questions and weekly teaching. Stay tuned as we hope to release that resource later this year to use in your own small group or to work through alone.

## We're Visiting the UK – and we'd love to see you!

This year we are coming back to the UK for our first visit. It's hard to believe we've been here for eighteen months already – time is certainly flying by! We are doing a bit of a tour of the country, hoping to catch up with as many of our wonderful supporters as we can and we would love to spend some time with you! If you take a look at our website you can see a calendar showing where we will be when – [www.dbwaterman.com/calendar](http://www.dbwaterman.com/calendar). We're adding any time where we are meeting individuals over dinner or afternoon tea, so if you'd like to see us personally please do have a look and see if there's a time that works.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Apr Based in Stanford-le-Hope, Essex Thrive - Medical	2	3 Based in Folkstone MAF Internationals	4 MAF UK Visit	5 Based in H	
8 Holiday!	9	10	11	12 Men's Event, Suff	13 Based in H
15 Based in Melksham	16	17 Speaking at Toget	18	19 Based in C	
22 Based in Gloucester	23 Based in Tipton	24	25	26	

We are also speaking at a few church services and other events. This list is likely to expand so keep an eye on our website, but here are some provisional dates where you can come to hear about what we've been up to!

### 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](http://www.maf-uk.org/waterman).

Thank you!

**Connect Church Maidstone** – Sunday 7th April, 10:30am

**St Katharine's Church, Holt** – Sunday 14th April, 10:30am

**Testwood Baptist Church** – Sunday 28th April, 7pm

**Colne Avenue Baptist Church** – Thursday 2nd May, 10am

**Blackfield Baptist Church** – Thursday 2nd May, 7pm

**Engage Church Saltash** – Sunday 19th May, 10:30am

Thank you so much for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers; we simply could not be here without such a great team of people standing with us! We hope to see you soon!

*Dave & Becky*