

Autumn 2019 - Newsletter

A Kenyan Diary

In early September, our very own Africa Regional Avionics Manager, Dave, took a trip to the MAF programme in Kenya. Here's what he got up to!

Day One: Arrived in Kenya after a delay at Entebbe airport. It was too late to do much, but had chance to catch up with some of the team from Kenya and South Sudan over dinner.

Day Two: Things start early in Kenya. Traffic is a real problem here so we leave the house at 06:15 to make the eight-kilometre drive. My day started with catching up with the team and learning names of people I'd not had the chance to meet before. Then came week planning and the first session of training. In the evening a team from MAF Italy joined us in praying for the work we do as they visit a few programmes in the area.

Day Three: Today I had to chance to deliver training to the maintenance team. They recently received a new Cessna Caravan with a fully integrated avionics system. For engineers who normally only deal with the airframe and engines they now have to understand much more about electronics to be able to maintain the aircraft. It was great to be able to pass on my experience of the system as they begin to maintain this aircraft.

Day Four: It's amazing starting the day with the team in devotions. It's a large team in Kenya and being sat there surrounded by people from all walks of life, all here for the same purpose is incredibly humbling. Today was more training as I worked with the avionics team and the pilots on installing and operating a new wireless interface for our navigation systems.

Day Five: My last day here and the last day of training on the processes of our new dealerships. I also got the chance to help out with 5Y-ISA, the new Cessna Caravan bound for operations in South Sudan, advising the team and helping to setup the G1000 integrated avionics system that we'd trained on. Then it was time to grab an Uber and fly home to Uganda. An awesome week spent getting to know another amazing programme.



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Thank you for your ongoing thoughts and prayers!

Pray...

- For continued good health in a busy couple of months for both of us.
- For Dave as he does more travelling around the Africa region to assist other MAF programmes.
- For Becky's ongoing Bible teaching opportunities.
- That we would ensure we are able to find times to rest in the busyness.

Praise...

- For safe travels for Dave getting to and from Kenya.
- For settling back into life in Uganda quickly after our trip back to the UK, including adjusting to the temperature!
- For more opportunities for Becky to teach in some different settings.

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Seeing the Sights of Uganda



Pilot Rescue – Dave

Most days the engineering staff works hard at our hangar based at Kajjansi airfield, but from time to time we get to head out of the office. In August, one of our pilots, Ping Domtta, discovered a flat tyre as he landed his plane at Adjumani, in the north of Uganda. I set out with our engineering intern Daniel Graansma and pilot Dave Forney to fix the plane and get him home safely.

It's always great to see some of Uganda from the air.



Mabamba Swamp – Becky

Our birthdays in June ended up being a very busy time, so we went for a belated birthday trip out of Kampala at the end of July. It gave us the chance to see some of the wonder of creation in Uganda, such as the very peculiar looking Shoebill Stork which makes its home in a swamp not too far from us. It was a lovely relaxing couple of days, full of bird and monkey spotting and relaxing out of the hubbub of Kampala.



Hallel Youth Ministry

Becky has recently had the opportunity to get involved in a youth ministry which is a part of our church. Hallel Youth Ministry is an outreach and discipleship programme for young people in Kampala. Dance is a big part of the culture here and enjoyed by many, and so Hallel uses it as a tool to reach out to people from incredibly difficult backgrounds. Dance camps provide an opportunity to bring these young people out of their situations at home, to teach them to do what they love, and to introduce them to a loving Jesus.

One of Hallel's weekly activities is a fellowship group, with a time of worship, prayer and Bible teaching. In July, Becky was invited to speak at the group about what it means to really live life to the full. She is looking forward to going back to speak again at the group soon.

Can You Join the Adventure?

It's only through the financial contributions of many generous individuals that we are able to be here in Uganda working with MAF, and it means so much to us to work in partnership with you in this way. Our regular giving has recently dipped below the level we need to be here. If you are able to make a monthly or one-off donation, please head to our page on the MAF website:

www.maf-uk.org/waterman

Hallel recently put on a big production to allow many of the youth who have come through their programme to perform, and also to raise money for a project Hallel is supporting, which provides meals and a safe space for young children who otherwise might not have any food that day. Becky was able to put her writing skills to use, to craft a spoken word piece that was used in the production. It was a wonderful night, full of music, dance and incredible testimonies showing the amazing impact the ministry is having. Two teenagers shared their stories of coming into the church through Hallel's dance events, and turning from drug addictions to faith in Jesus.



Thank you so much for walking with us on this great adventure. Your thoughts, prayers, encouragement and giving means so, so much to us, and we simply couldn't be here without your support. Thank you!

Becky & Dave

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