



## Dave's Rescue Mission

*The smallest plane in our fleet, a Cessna 182, was recently stranded in South Sudan with an engine fault. Dave organised the rescue team and flew up with another engineer to bring it back home.*

At 5am, I got up on a wet and cold (18°C) morning, collected Geoff and Chris, our pilot, and arrived at Kajjansi to do final checks on our loading and the aircraft. Contained within the aircraft was a replacement engine, cranes, tools and everything we thought we might need to replace the engine in our little 182. I stared at that pile of equipment and hoped we had remembered everything.

A little after 7am, we started up and headed out into the dawn light towards South Sudan.

A quick stop enroute for fuel and immigration at Arua and then we arrived in Torit, South Sudan. We were greeted by the Africa Inland Mission missionaries who live at the airfield and who we would be staying with while doing the work, then it was time to get unloaded and pull the aircraft to a good work site.

Day two saw us getting stuck into the replacement, and by the end of the day we had the propeller removed and the old engine out. We were very glad to have a tent to protect us from the scorching weather, but also for the blessing of cloud cover which kept things at around 38°C.

By the end of day three we had the replacement engine fitted, in what was a remarkably easy swap.

On day four, we refitted the propeller and spent the rest of the day checking and making sure we hadn't left anything off. By this time the heat had arrived with temperatures of 42-46°C.

The fifth day saw great progress as we successfully started, adjusted and ran the replacement engine.

On our final day, we packed up and awaited the plane from Uganda which would take us home. Once it had arrived, we loaded, said goodbye to new friends and headed back to Uganda.



## JOIN THE ADVENTURE

Thank you for your ongoing thoughts and prayers!

### Pray...

- For Uganda and all of East Africa, suffering with an infestation of locusts which could cause serious food shortages.
- For Dave's trip to America mid-March to meet the MAF-US avionics team.
- For the women's retreat that Becky is preaching at on the last weekend of March.

### Praise...

- For safe travels for Dave to Kenya and South Sudan.
- For an upcoming holiday booked in for April – a chance to spend some much-needed time together after all of Dave's travels.
- For good health and our wonderful friends here.

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# Welcoming the New Decade



## 2020 Travel – Dave

The new year started as busy as ever for me, with various trips to plan for and undertake. I spent ten days in Kenya in February, partly to meet with the team there to talk about the future of avionics in the region, but also for a safety and first aid training course, a requirement for travel to our more dangerous programmes, such as South Sudan. My next trip is towards the end of March, when I will visit America for two weeks to meet the MAF US team and attend an event to meet dealers of avionics equipment and consider the best options for the MAF fleet.



## 2020 Vision – Becky

It's been a busy start to the year for me as well. I have been writing a Bible study about hearing the voice of God in our day to day lives, which I have been working through with the MAF staff in our fortnightly Bible study. I continue to help lead a Bible study group for women, and have had a couple of opportunities to preach. My next novel is finished and going through its final edit before I start making contact with literary agents later this year. I am currently preparing for a ladies retreat at the end of March, and am prayerfully considering where to best invest my time this year.



## Speaking in the Slums

Becky continues to support the work of Hallel Family, an outreach ministry run from our church. Hallel has recently started to run a second Monday night fellowship group for young people living in one of the slum areas of Kampala. In February, Becky had the privilege of speaking at the meeting, to encourage the young people that they are God's creations, made the way he wanted them to be, and that the gifts and talents they have can be used for God's glory, regardless of their circumstances.

Before the start of the meeting, Becky was taken on a tour through a part of the slum neighbourhood, which included seeing one of the tiny mud-walled rooms where six of the members live, grateful to have a roof over their heads. It was a

heartbreaking sight, but simultaneously an amazing experience, seeing a group of 25 young people put aside every worry and fear to worship together. There is nothing that unites people from different backgrounds, races and languages more than praising God.

The meeting itself began with announcements (mostly in Luganda – a good reason to continue trying to improve our language skills), followed by a time of praise, accompanied by two very talented musicians on drums. Becky was invited to speak, and many of the young men and women shared how God was speaking to them through the message and the worship. Many of the attendees are brand new Christians – God is on the move in Kampala!

### Can You Join the Adventure?

We are only here in Uganda, working with MAF, because of the incredibly generous individuals and churches who support us.

We'd love to invite you to join the adventure too! Your prayers keep us going as much as financial support, but 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](http://www.maf-uk.org/waterman)

We can't thank you enough for walking with us on this amazing adventure. We wouldn't be here without you, and we hugely appreciate your thoughts, prayers and practical support. Thank you!

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