

Spring 2021 - Newsletter

Liberia in Pictures

In January, we had the very real privilege of spending three weeks in the country we will call home later this year. Here are a few photos, to give you a very brief impression of the next country we will be serving in with MAF!



Flying in the time of coronavirus. Starting off on a journey of almost twenty four hours— Africa is a big place!



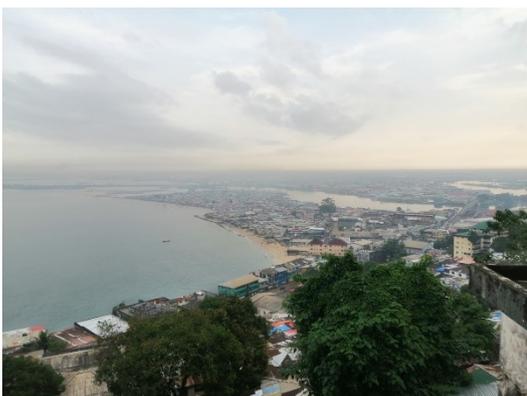
It's a hot and very humid country, but the discomfort is offset by the beauty of the beach we will live next to.



Sampling the local cuisine. Rice with a very spicy stew type affair, in which everything is cooked together—fish, chicken, meat.



Dave spent some of our time there working in the brand new hangar, and also organising and planning how best to use the space.



The city of Monrovia, from the top of Africa's first five star hotel, sadly abandoned and partially destroyed during Liberia's civil wars.



Prayer time with the MAF Liberia team. It's a small team right now, but will be expanding as we join, along with some other families.

JOIN THE ADVENTURE

Thank you for your ongoing thoughts and prayers!

PRAY...

- For these busy last six months in Uganda, that we can finish everything well.
- For the right shipping company as we think about moving our things across Africa.
- For continued good health and energy in day to day life.

PRAISE...

- We had a great trip to Liberia, giving us a better idea of what to expect there.
- We were able to enjoy a lovely holiday over Christmas, exploring a bit of Uganda we hadn't seen.

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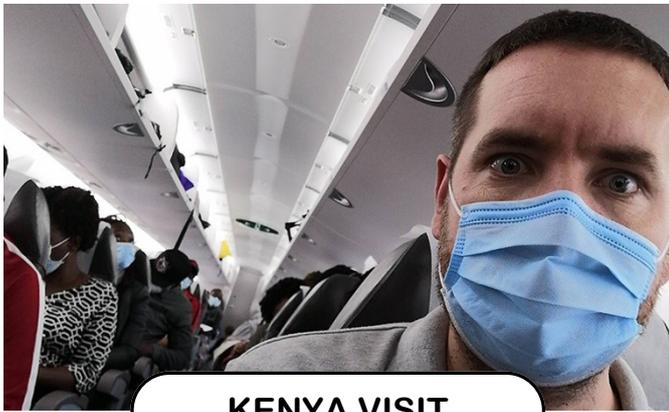


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Keeping Busy in Uganda, and Beyond!



KENYA VISIT

I took to the air again to visit the MAF programme in Kenya. As well as catching up with the team here and providing some training, it is also the start of the process of handing over some of my responsibilities within East Africa and as the Africa regional avionics manager. The next six months will be an interesting time, as I look forward to my new role within Liberia and West Africa, while finishing off my work in Uganda and the region well. **Dave**



PREACHING

I have really enjoyed taking my Bible teaching online during the last year, but there's nothing quite like preaching in person. It was lovely to have the chance to join The Source church in Uganda, to continue working through their study of the book of James. The next few months look busy for me as well, with several speaking engagements (online and in person), as well as starting to sort through our belongings to get ready to move. **Becky**

Liberia From the Air

While Dave was hard at work in the hangar during our time in Liberia, I was able to jump on an MAF flight to see a bit more of the country from the air.

I had seen a little of Liberia's terrain from the commercial flight that brought us in along the country's beautiful coastline, but I was surprised to see the change as we moved inland. The sparse vegetation bordering the ocean quickly gave way to dense, impenetrable jungle, punctuated occasionally by tiny villages reached by winding dirt tracks that cut through the undergrowth. Giant trees brushed the edges of one of the airstrips we passed by, and I could see buildings nestled in amongst the foliage. It quickly became apparent that air travel would be the only way to reach these destinations without many hours spent bumping along tiny tracks.

Our final destination, before the return to Monrovia, Liberia's capital city and MAF's base, was the coastal town of Harper. One of our passengers was a doctor, and I asked her how long the journey would have taken her by road. "Two days," she said, "in the dry season. In the rainy season it would be a four day trip, if it was passable at all."

The flight from Monrovia to Harper takes ninety minutes.

Every passenger I spoke to, from a local pastor to medical professionals to many others who crammed the plane full to capacity, were all so thankful for the service that MAF offers in Liberia. Some of the roads bypassing the country are almost unimaginably bad, so MAF is facilitating incredible work in Liberia amongst our partners, by making travel through the country possible, at any time of the year.

Joining this programme to help expand MAF's reach in Liberia and the surrounding countries is so exciting, and we are both really looking forward to getting there.



Can You Join the Adventure?

Did you know that we are only able to work with MAF because of the generous donations of individuals, churches and groups? Your thoughts and prayers keep us going as much as financial support, but if you would like to join the adventure in another way and are able to make a monthly or one-off donation, please head to our page on the MAF website:

www.maf-uk.org/waterman

Thank you so much for walking with us on this amazing adventure—we're excited to share more about this next step of ours, the journey to Liberia, in the next few months, and hope to catch up with you in the UK when we're back this autumn!

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