

Summer 2021 - Newsletter

Preparing for the Next Adventure

In case you've not seen any of our latest newsletters or videos... We're moving! The clock is ticking down on our time in Uganda. In the second week of August, we leave for the UK, and in the first week of November travel from the UK to our new home in Liberia. It's a strange time of transition, saying farewell to many wonderful things we've loved about Uganda, while getting ready for the new of Liberia.



The packing begins! The first boxes, ready to travel on an MAF plane in June.



First farewells. A meal for Becky with the MAF Uganda ladies.



The city of Kampala—we'll miss its beautiful people and gorgeous climate.



Final explorations of what is a stunning country, full of beautiful life.

We're Coming to the UK!

It would be amazing to see you (assuming covid restrictions allow!). Our website has a calendar showing where we'll be when and any events that are currently booked in. Go and have a look (www.dbwaterman.com/calendar), and if you'd like us to come and speak at an event, or if you'd like to see us for a meal or a coffee, please do send us a message and we'll get you booked in. We're also confirmed to speak at a few churches during our time, so you can catch us on one of these dates too:

St Katharine's Church, Holt – Sunday 22nd August

Connect Church Maidstone – Sunday 5th September

Testwood Baptist Church, Totton – Sunday 19th September

St Margaret's Church, Angmering – Sunday 26th September

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Thank you for your ongoing thoughts and prayers!

PRAY...

- For our last two months in Uganda as we prepare to go.
- For our time in the UK, that we would be able to spend time with friends, family and supporters.
- For the logistics of moving across a continent—shipping, accommodation and more.

PRAISE...

- For a successful trip to Kenya for Dave, wrapping up some regional responsibilities.
- For continued good health.
- That we were able to get our first dose of vaccine within Uganda.

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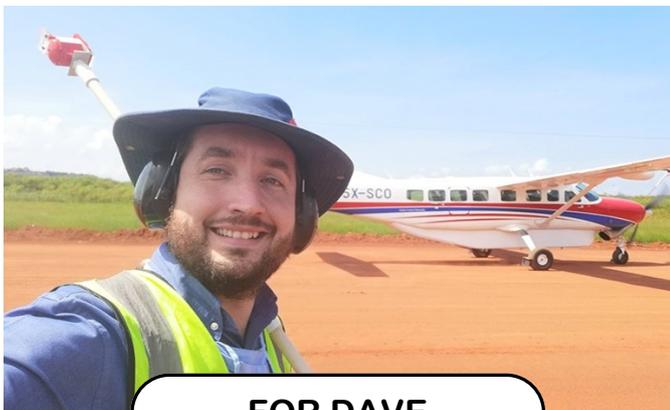


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Finishing Well in Uganda



FOR DAVE

Along with packing up and preparing to move, my last couple of months will be very busy with MAF work. If Covid restrictions allow, I will be travelling to Liberia again to fit a new weather radar to the plane there, and also assist with an inspection of the plane and general help around the hangar. Many of the MAF Uganda team are planning to travel to their home countries this summer, so I will also be helping in the Uganda hangar to keep our fleet here flying.

It is a busy time, but I am excited to have another visit to the country that will soon be home for us!



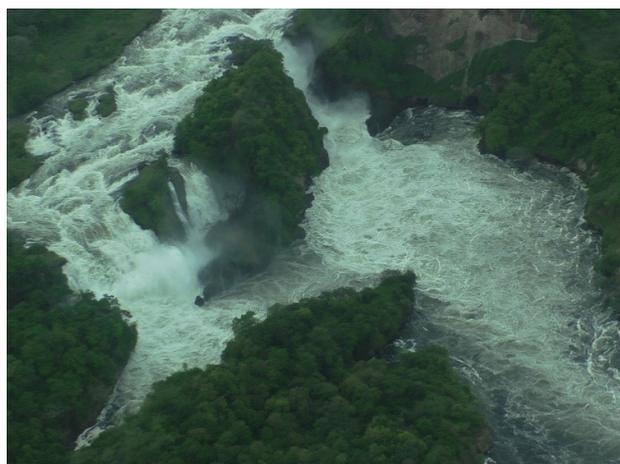
FOR BECKY

There are many things to think about with moving house, which is all multiplied when it comes to moving to another country. In the next couple of months there will be lots of decisions to make about what to take with us to Liberia. I will continue producing Bible studies on YouTube up until we depart from Uganda, and I will also be attending an online writers event in June, which includes an opportunity to pitch my next novel to literary agents. I'm starting to see lots of 'lasts' now, with a final preaching engagement last month and many goodbyes to good friends.

MAF in Uganda - Carrying Change

We continue to be amazed by the work of MAF in Uganda. It has been wetter than normal in the country recently, which has caused significant flooding. The organisation Pipeline Worldwide were thrilled to discover MAF for the first time at the end of 2020, when they were unable to make the journey by road because the Nile was so flooded that the ferry crossing it was unable to operate. Instead of cancelling their trip, Pipeline flew on an MAF plane to continue their impactful work in the country.

Since 2009, Pipeline has been involved in life-changing work in Uganda and the surrounding countries, supporting sustainable projects, including development in water, construction, solar power and infrastructure. They also focus on healthcare, education and empowerment via business loans and economic support, working with local partners on the ground, to ensure long term solutions in local communities. "Now that we've flown with MAF we're going to



Can You Join the Adventure?

It's only the generous financial support of individuals and churches that allows us to serve in Uganda, and soon in Liberia! Your thoughts and prayers are absolutely invaluable for keeping us going too, but if you are able to make a monthly or one-off donation, please head to our page on the MAF website:

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keep flying because we're reaching remote communities much more effectively," said the cofounder and president of Pipeline Worldwide.

We love being involved with an organisation that is facilitating such amazing work as this. MAF planes can reach beyond floods, beyond impassable roads, to bring a lasting impact to communities in so many different ways.

We are so excited to hear more about MAF's impact in Liberia too, and to bring you along on the adventure with us as we journey across Africa! Thank you so much for joining us with your thoughts, prayers and support.

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