

Autumn 2021 - Newsletter

Living the Nomadic Life

We are back in the UK, and getting used to life as nomads—we've left our house in Uganda behind and have a couple of months here before moving on to our next home in Liberia. These pictures will give you a flavour of our life at the moment!



Life in boxes—all of our things were packed up before leaving Uganda, ready to ship on to Liberia by air freight.



Ten days in hotel quarantine was a good time to unwind and rest after the busyness of packing up our lives in Uganda.



The closest thing we have to a home right now is our car (from the amazing Syzygy Cars). This trusty steed will carry us around the UK.



Part of our visit includes speaking at various churches and events. Check out the calendar page on our website to see our schedule.



Interspersed with speaking, organising, shopping and more, we're able to have some great fun on holiday with family.



It's Covid-19 vaccination time! We were able to get one dose while still in Uganda, so we were happy to find a drop in centre for no 2.

JOIN THE ADVENTURE

Thank you for your ongoing thoughts and prayers.

PRAY...

- For our belongings as they make their way from Uganda to Liberia.
- For good health and energy as we travel around the UK with a busy programme.
- For the future, as we begin to think about living in Liberia and what that will look like.

PRaise...

- For getting everything organised, sold or packed up in Uganda, mid-lockdown.
- For making it safely back to the UK and getting through hotel quarantine.
- For great times already had in the UK with friends, family and churches.

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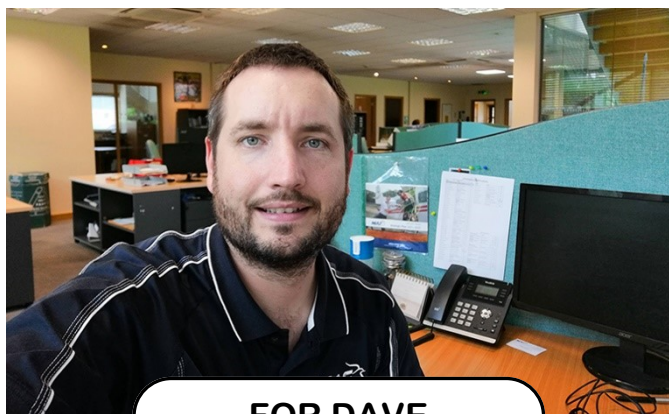


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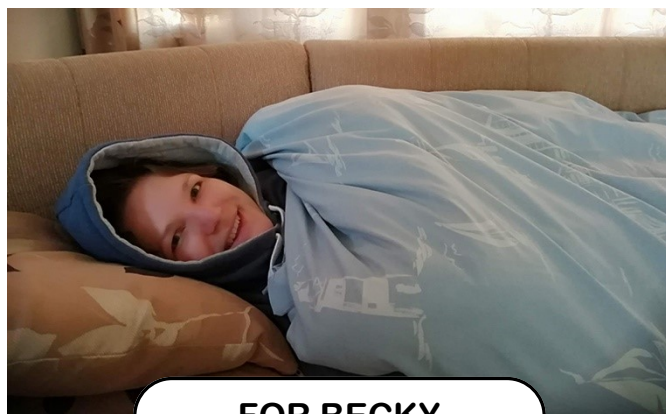
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Spot the Difference - Life in Uganda vs Life in the UK



FOR DAVE

Our Covid-19 experience in Uganda has been very different compared to the UK. That makes it difficult to know exactly how to act here, when to wear masks and whether it's okay to shake hands and hug people. In Uganda we had to wear masks most of the time, even walking around outside. It's interesting trying to navigate being in offices and public spaces without really knowing what to expect. Light evenings keep taking me by surprise as well; it's always dark by around 7pm in Uganda.



FOR BECKY

I'm definitely feeling the cold after the warmer weather of Uganda, and I'm thankful for warm jumpers, slippers and blankets. One difference that always takes me by surprise when I'm in the UK is how very quiet it seems here, especially at night. Kampala is such a busy city that there's always some noise, and the birds make a huge racket. It was warm enough there to have the windows open all year round, so it's strange to be behind glass, and to feel that the silence is somehow too loud.



Fond Farewells

Rising numbers of coronavirus cases in Uganda meant returning to a hard lockdown only a few weeks before we were due to leave. Fortunately we were able to enjoy a big farewell day with the international MAF team based in Uganda just before that happened. It's a real challenge saying goodbye,

especially knowing that we may never return to this beautiful country. It's been an honour and a joy working in Uganda, helping to facilitate MAF's amazing work, and leading Bible studies and preaching in different churches in the city of Kampala. We know Liberia is the right place for us to be, but it's always tough saying goodbye to amazing friends.

Even so, we are looking forward to our next steps, and it's exciting hearing of the amazing work that's made possible because of MAF flights within Liberia. From medical evacuations, to transporting pastors, Bible translators, doctors and many others, there is so much work that would not be possible without MAF flights. Being a part of developing the West Africa maintenance base is exciting not only because it's a dream job for Dave, but because we know the impact it will have on this region of Africa. We're saying goodbye to what we know, knowing full well that God is going ahead of us to prepare a place and a work for both of us.



Can You Join the Adventure?

Our move to Liberia this year is funded by the many individuals, churches and groups who support us financially. We're so excited to get started helping with MAF's life changing work in Liberia, and if you'd like to join the adventure and help us to get there, then please head to our page on the MAF website:

www.maf-uk.org/waterman

Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers. The last few months have been a crazy and very busy time, and knowing you were standing with us and praying for us has really kept us going. Thank you for walking on this journey with us.

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