

Autumn, 2023 - Newsletter

## A Return to Uganda

On the 19th of August at 5.30am, Dave arrived at Roberts International Airport in Liberia, beginning the long journey all the way across Africa to Uganda (via Ghana and Ethiopia). He arrived at 2am the following day, ready to begin three weeks of work supporting both MAF Uganda and Samaritan's Purse with avionics upgrades.



The installations included new autopilots, flight instruments and GPS units in a Samaritan's Purse plane, and replacement traffic units into two MAF Uganda planes. These systems act like a second set of eyes for our pilots, warning them of other planes in the sky which is essential in some of the areas we fly into and around.

The trip also involved squeezing in the delivery of some training on the electrical systems within our MAF planes, and also doing an assessment on a visiting Kenyan avionics engineer, to grant him new approvals for working within MAF.



Seeing the sights and sounds of Uganda again has been a real treat, as well as having the opportunity to help out another MAF programme, and another organisation doing wonderful work in this part of the world. Seeing the familiar and the changes within the country and within MAF Uganda has been very interesting, and getting to visit our old church was a particularly special moment.



## JOIN THE ADVENTURE

Thank you for your ongoing thoughts and prayers!

## PRAY...

- For safe travels as Dave goes to Cambodia for a tech ops meeting, and back to Liberia.
- For the election season in Liberia, for safety and security for the country.
- For the last bits of work on Becky's new book which will be released later this year.

## PRaise...

- For safe travels across Africa for Dave, and successful work in Uganda.
- For a good time for Becky in the UK with her family while Dave has been travelling.
- For the lovely new house in Liberia which feels very much like home now.

## STAY IN TOUCH



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# New Developments in Liberia



## RAINWATER SYSTEM

Going without a regular supply of water can be a huge challenge. We decided it would be a good idea to take advantage of the enormous volume of rain Liberia receives each year, and fit a rainwater collection system to our new house. In one day, an amazing team from Abundant Rain, Liberia, fitted guttering to one side of the house, along with this 1,000 litre tank, an automatic pump and a filtration system. We were astounded and overjoyed to raise all the money needed for fitting the system within 24 hours! Our new uninterrupted water supply is incredible!



## ELECTION SEASON

Liberia's next election will take place on the 10th of October and we find ourselves very much in the season of campaigning. One recent event turned the normal 30 minute trip from hangar to compound into a three hour journey. We are not anticipating too many problems over and above disruption and traffic, but it's always possible for political situations to escalate, so we are praying for a peaceful and fair process. In the meantime, we will stock up our cupboards and freezer to ensure we are well supplied if we need to stay home for a few days.



## MAF at Work Supporting Missionaries

Imagine living in a rural community in Liberia. In the rainy season, the roads are almost impassable, and they are bumpy and uncomfortable even when it's dry. We love that part of MAF's work involves supporting missionaries living in these areas, transporting them to where they're working, and also filling the planes with essential cargo to keep them safe, sane and healthy.

A recent flight for a family serving as Bible translators with Ethnos 360 carried solar panels, bikes, tool boxes, coolers packed with food, toilet paper, personal items and more. They were flown to the south of the country, a 90 minute flight which would take days by road at this time of year, where there was a very real challenge to try and fit everything from the plane into their truck!

Those supplies will be an incredible help for this family, out on the field for the next four months, working to translate the Word of God into one of Liberia's local languages for the first time.



## Can You Join the Adventure?

We are only able to continue our work with MAF because of those individuals and churches who so generously support us financially and prayerfully. If you would like to contribute with 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)  
Thank you!

We are so privileged to be able to serve with MAF, and we do thank you so much for continuing to join us on this incredible adventure. It's because of you that we're here; we really do appreciate your prayers, thoughts & sacrificial giving.

*Dee & Becky*

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