

Hello everyone!

I hope you're well.

It is Saturday afternoon here in a very hot and humid Kampala and I'm sitting down to write a newsletter that will hopefully catch you up with all the things that have been happening with our family.

Raya is lying on the sofa in the living room reading one of her favorite 'Dog Man' books and Lexi and Evelyn are in their bedrooms studying for their end of semester exams, which they will have to sit next week; but the house feels quite empty with Steph not being here.

Last Sunday Steph headed back to the UK so that she could attend her Grandmother's funeral and be with her family. Speaking with her on the phone, it sounds like the funeral was a good time of remembering and celebrating Audrey's ninety-nine years of life; although she did mention that the two-degree temperature in the UK was a shock to the system!

We are very happy that Steph could make it back to the UK to be with her family, but we will also be very glad to have her back!

Over the last few weeks life has felt quite frantic in our house; mainly due to Lexi and Evelyn having big roles in their school's production of Narnia.

There have been many after school practice sessions and our house has been filled with the sound of musical numbers being practiced in front of bathroom mirrors, but it was all worth the effort and we loved watching Lexi as Lucy and Evelyn as the White Witch Dwarf. We were very proud of both of them standing up in front of the whole school to sing, dance, and faultlessly remember all the lines they had to learn.



Raya has also been busy this week. She was part of her schools Track and Field team that took part in the relay race against all the other international schools in Kampala.



In the hangar, I have been trying to juggle my new role as Quality Manager with supporting the team fixing the aircraft on the hangar floor. Our Chief Engineer is currently back in the Netherlands on his furlough, so a couple of others and I are trying to keep things running smoothly until he returns in June.

We currently have one of our South Sudan aircraft in the hangar for an autopilot upgrade and re-registration from Kenya to Uganda. This is alongside all the normal work we will be doing on our own aircraft, so it will be a busy month!



It seems strange to think that in just over three weeks we will be back in the UK for our second furlough since joining MAF. We are really looking forward to catching up with as many of you as we can while we are back!

Although sharing our news with you via our newsletters and receiving your encouraging messages is always enjoyable, we do look forward to sharing with you in person what God is doing with MAF here in Uganda. You are all such an important part of what we do here, and without your support MAF wouldn't be able to bring the much-needed help, hope and healing to those that need it most.

Speaking of which, as I'm writing this to you, I have just received a message from our Country Director to tell us about an Ebola outbreak on the DRC and Uganda border. It sounds like many people have already died and the authorities are doing their best to contain it. Please join us in praying for the people there, that they would be able to contain the outbreak and get medical help to those that need it.

Thank you once again for all your support and hopefully we will see you while we are back!

God bless,

Mark

Prayer Points

Please pray that:

- God would be with those suffering with the Ebola outbreak on the DRC & Uganda border.
- That we would plan well for our home leave and that our travel would be smooth.

Praise God

Give thanks for:

- Steph being able to travel back to the UK to be with her family.
- That Lexi, Evelyn and Raya continue to enjoy school.