



Hello everyone!

I hope you're all doing ok, and 2025 has started well for you.

Last time we wrote to you, the dry season was just beginning here in Uganda, but there was still lots of heavy rain. Well, the rain soon stopped and January to March were absolutely scorching, with some of the highest temperatures that we have experienced since we have been here.

However, as of two weeks ago we are now well and truly back into the wet season, and Kampala has experienced some significant flooding causing roads to be blocked and some crazy traffic jams that have made it difficult to travel around the city.



We decided to start 2025 with a trip out to the west of Uganda to stay at one of our favorite spots in Fort Portal. It was a great time together as a family and was just what we needed to recuperate and be ready for all that the year has to offer. The girls enjoyed hiking the local hills and playing with some of their friends who also joined us for the trip.

Work at the hangar has been busy as usual, with the completion of some of our long-term projects and the general aircraft maintenance that keeps the MAF Uganda fleet flying.

On one morning, one of our pilots reported a problem with the flap system on our Cessna 206, so I was sent out to the flight line to investigate while he and the passengers waited. I dived under the instrument panel to find out what was happening and luckily it didn't take too long to fix the problem and he was soon on his way flying up country; but when I got back to the hangar, I received the below photos which he had helpfully taken while I worked!



Both Lexi and Evelyn have recently been away on School trips to Jinja, which is a large town further around the shore of Lake Victoria in the east of Uganda. It is also the source of the Nile River. They both had a great time swimming, kayaking and doing lots of outdoor activities with their classmates.

Another school event that took place in February was the school 'International Day'. This is something that the school do every year to celebrate the diversity of the school community and the girls really enjoy it!

There were 30 different nationalities represented this year and they got to try food from each culture and even take part in different cultural dances. During the day, the children all dress up in traditional clothing from the countries they come from, or clothes that represent their countries. Some of the kids wore wonderful traditional outfits, but being from the UK, our girls went with the colours of the union jack.

There will be lots of exciting things happening this year at MAF Uganda; including the arrival of a float plane which will be used to reach people that live out on the islands of Lake Victoria!

We look forward to be able to share more about that project with you in upcoming news letters. Thank you once again for all your support!

God bless, The Draper Family

Prayer Points

Please pray that:

As conflicts in the DRC and South Sudan continue to become more violent, that God would help guide MAF as to how best to support our partners there.

We currently have the MAF team that evacuated east DRC living in Kampala while they re-assess the security situation. Please pray for wisdom for them to know when it is safe for them to return.

Praise God

Give thanks for:

A restful Christmas for us as a family.

The work that MAF is doing in Uganda and opportunities for our ministry to expand so that more people can be reached with the good news.

