



Hello everyone!

We hope you all had a great Christmas and a good start to the new year!

We enjoyed seeing some of the pictures that friends and family sent us of Christmas time back in the UK, especially the snow that some of you had!

We spent Christmas day with some of our close American friends, which was a lot of fun. The kids enjoyed sharing with them some of our British Christmas traditions, including some homemade Christmas crackers that Steph and the girls spent hours making and a traditional Christmas pudding.

We also enjoyed spending time with our Church family, singing Christmas carols and celebrating the reason for the season.



Shortly after Christmas we had the Ugandan presidential elections and although there were some tensions across Kampala, it wasn't as bad as some had predicted. There was quite a large police presence across the city and on a couple of occasions we heard gunfire and saw some clouds of teargas rising up from the streets that we could see from our house. This was a bit unnerving, but everyone in the MAF team managed to avoid the trouble.

One of the main issues with the elections was that the government turned off the internet, which made it difficult to communicate. We had to resort to phone calls and SMS text messages to talk to each other, rather than using WhatsApp as we normally do. I don't think any of us realised how much we depend on the internet until it was gone! No more googling a recipe for tea, or streaming a TV show to watch in the evening! We were glad when they turned it back on!

Thank you to all of you that held us in your prayers over the election period, we really do appreciate knowing that you are praying for our safety.



At the airfield we are entering a very busy period. We not only have the new amphibian to get up and running, but we have some significant airfield work underway. As I write this from my desk in the hangar, I can hear the sound of bulldozers digging up the runway and diggers demolishing our old hangar. The aim of their work is to make the runway compliant with Ugandan airfield regulations and shift the runway over a few meters nearer to the swamp. While all of this happens, we have had to move our operations to the International Airport at Entebbe, which makes the lives of our Pilots and Operations team significantly more challenging.

If you can pray that this work is completed quickly and on schedule that would be greatly appreciated.

For Steph and the girls, it is back to life as usual, with School having a slightly delayed start after the elections, but they're now settling back into a routine. I will get them to give you a full update in what they have been up to in our next news letter.

We are currently making plans to be back in the UK this Summer for our home leave and have started to book dates with the Churches that support us; but if you would like to try and meet up with us over the summer please send us an email and we will see if we can make arrangements to catch up with you. It would be great to see as many of you as we can. Once we have a schedule of Churches and places that we will be visiting we will share it with you.

Thank you again for all of your support! Mark

Prayer Points

Please pray that:

The work at Kajjansi Airfield would be completed well and on time.

Preparations for operating the floatplane would continue to go well.

God would be with the people of Uganda after the election period.

The girls would enjoy getting back into the routine of school after the break for Christmas and the elections.

Praise God

Give thanks for: the MAF Uganda team being kept safe during the elections.