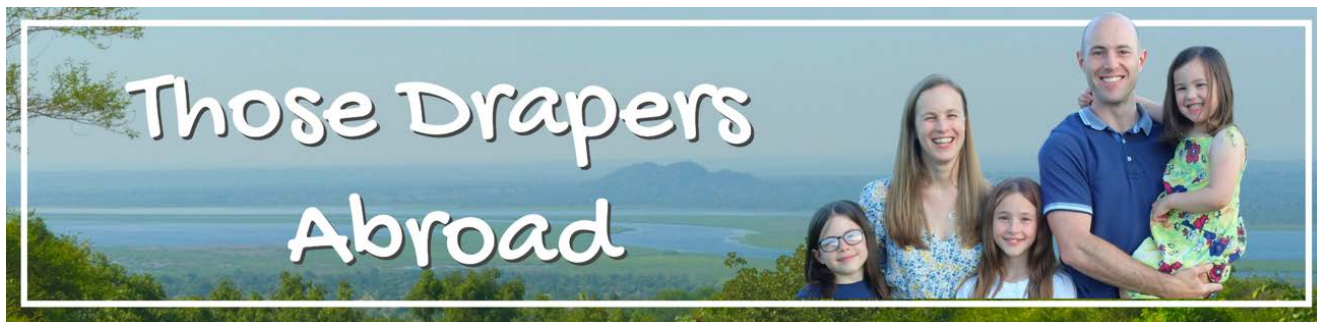




Hello everyone!

It's been an exciting few weeks here in Uganda, after months of preparation and waiting we finally welcomed our new Cessna Caravan Amphibian to Kajjansi on the 7th of October. It was great to finally receive the aircraft and there was a real atmosphere of excitement amongst the team when it arrived. We are all very eager to get this aircraft up and running so that it can serve the people living on the islands on Lake Victoria. There are quite a few modifications that we will need to carry out to get the aircraft ready for service, so over the next few months that is what the hangar team will be focusing on. Our pilots also need to do a lot of training so the aim is to have the aircraft operational for early next year.



I also need to let you know about a change to my role within MAF Uganda for the next year or so.

We have recently lost our Quality Manager in the Maintenance Hangar as he and his family have moved back to the UK after serving in Uganda with MAF for the last 10 years, but in spite of our HR teams best efforts we weren't able to find a suitable candidate to replace him.

As the Quality Manager position is a mandatory position that must be filled for the organisation to continue to operate, I have volunteered to cover the role for the next year while we train up another local staff team member who can then take on the role permanently.

This means that for the next 12 months I will be carrying out audits of the maintenance activities in the hangar and working with the Ugandan Civil Aviation Authority to make sure that MAF continues to meet all the required standards that lets us operate aircraft in this country.

Although I will very much miss working on the aircraft, it is only for a short time, and I know that it is an important job that needs to be done.

Having said that I would very much appreciate your prayers as I take on the position. Please pray that God will equip me to do the work that needs to be done and that we will be able to train someone up quickly to take on the role so that I can get back to fixing aircraft!

Mark

From Evelyn.....

Hello,

At school we just finished our topic on Ugandan dances which was quite fun and we also got a new girl in my class, which will be a good chance to make a new friend. Having the grandparent's around over the summer was really fun and we had a blast spending time with them!

One week after we went back to School it was my birthday and I got some amazing gifts and my friends were so nice and kind.

I am super excited that it's getting closer to Christmas, but I'm also a bit worried because of the elections coming up early next year where there might be some trouble.

For prayer requests, please pray for the elections, also we have exams coming up in mid-November which I am nervous about and some football



From Lexi.....

Hi everyone,

In December, I'm turning 14, which will be exiting, however, not as exciting as Christmas (which is my favourite time of the year).

School is quite tough now I am in Grade 8 (year 9), but I am still having lots of fun with my friends.

We would love you all to pray for the Ugandan elections because we are all a little worried how they will go. Exams are also soon, but apart from these things, we have lots to look forward to.

We are also having a lot of fun horse riding, and we are now canter jumping 70cm!

Our dogs Pepper and Bear are getting along really well now (after we adopted Pepper earlier in the year), and they love playing together.

Thank you for reading!

Lexi

From Steph and Raya.....

This school year has been flying by! We started the second quarter last week and Christmas will soon be upon us. Its been a very busy time for me with new responsibilities.

In August I took on the position of President of the school parent council, a step up from my role



as Vice President last year! It has been a good challenge to take on and I have a great team working with me. In November we have our biggest event of the year, a whole school family BBQ which is a highlight for everyone.

I also now lead the weekly Parents in Prayer group at school. The previous leader was a MAF spouse who started it and led it for around 11 years, her youngest son graduated in June and they left to go back to their home country. We meet to pray together for all the staff, students, families and any general school prayer requests. Last week I led a prayer walk at the Acacia Lakeside campus, where we prayer walked around the 44 acres.

Back In May I was nominated and voted into the leadership team at our Church. It's been a joy to be part of the leadership, we have a wonderful multi-national team, and getting to know all the new people who have been coming in the last 6 months. It feels like family and we look forward to seeing the church grow.

In January Presidential elections will be held, between now and January it may be an unsettling time with conflict from the opposition parties and we ask for prayers for peace and for God to work in the hearts of the country's leadership.

A little news from Raya!

She is now in grade 3 (UK year 4) and has made strong friendships with 2 girls in her class and they love arranging playdates at the weekend! She is also loving learning new skills in the crocheting and sewing club and is making me a heat mat!

Prayer Points

Please pray that:

- Mark would settle into his interim job well.
- Preparations for operating the floatplane would go well.
- That the build up to the elections in Uganda early next year would be peaceful.

Praise God Give thanks for:

- The safe arrival of the floatplane to Uganda.
- Mark being able to help with the Quality Manager role.