



Hello everyone!

We hope you're all well. It has been a very busy time for us since we arrived back in Uganda after our home leave, so when I looked at the calendar and realised that it was October already, it was a bit of a shock to the system. I also realised that we hadn't sent out an update letter for a while, so getting this letter sent out to you moved to the top of my 'To Do' list so that we could update you with what we have been up to.

It was great to see so many of you while we were back in the UK over the summer and share with you some of the things that God has been doing here in Uganda. Hopefully you enjoyed hearing about the work that MAF do here as much as we enjoyed telling you about it. Life in the MAF Uganda hangar has been particularly hectic over the last 5 weeks because we have had the Cessna Caravan that MAF operate in Chad in for some modifications and routine maintenance. The aircraft, registration TT-BER, had a new autopilot and weather radar installed to replace the ageing units that been installed previously. This will allow the aircraft to remain in service for many more years to come. While the aircraft was with us we also completely removed its landing gear to inspect for cracks and corrosion. This is done regularly to ensure that if there are any problems we can catch it early before it becomes a safety issue.

Getting the aircraft to us required flying it through Chad, the Central African Republic (to avoid the war in Sudan) and South Sudan. It took the pilots two long days of flying to complete the trip.



TT-BER at home in Chad

Outside of MAF work life has also been very busy.

Lexi was in the senior schools production of Hamlet, which was a very impressive undertaking because not only had the actors remembered thousands of lines of text, but for many of them English is not their first language, so to be able to do such a good job of Shakespeare is amazing. Lexi played one of the players in one scene, a soldier and a coffin carrier in some others, and did a really good job at remembering all her lines.

Evelyn started at senior school in September and has been really enjoying her time there so far. She has continued playing in the girls school football team and they're hoping to win the international schools league again this season.

Raya has also been enjoying school, and with a couple of new girls joining her class, bringing the total up to 8 girls, which she is very pleased about.

Steph has been busy as usual, ferrying the girls around to all their different events, but she has also taken on more responsibility with the Parent Council at school. At the moment they are planning a big BBQ event in November where the whole school come together and enjoy spending time together.

Lastly, while I was walking back from a Men's breakfast at church one Saturday morning, I found a box of 5 puppies abandoned by the roadside. I took them home so we could make sure that they were ok and of course the girls loved it!

After having them for the day we arranged for the Ugandan Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (USPCA) to come and collect them. This is unfortunately a big problem in Kampala and street dogs are a common sight, hopefully though these little puppies found a good home to go to!



Thank you once again for all your prayers and support

Mark

Prayer Points

Please pray that:

- God would continue to give us energy for the busy season we find ourselves in.
- MAF Uganda would be able to continue to support other programs in the Africa region with the engineering support they need.

Praise God

Give thanks that:

- We got to catch up with so many of you while we were back in the UK on home leave.
- Problems with our house in the UK have finally been sorted out and we now have our mortgage finalised.
- The girls are enjoying being back at school.