## Is it really November already?!



First of all an apology from us that we havent sent out newsletter since а Janary! This year has gone by SO quickly, and with our two month visit to Scotland in June and July, we felt as though we'd connected with most of our friends and family throughout the year. But now its already November! So sorry for not sharing our news sooner, and thank you to those of you who reminded us to get on with it!

Unlike Scotland, Uganda doesnt really have seasons (except rainy season and dry season!), so we dont notice the passing of time in quite the same way. So whilst the days in the UK will be getting shorter, the weather colder, and the shops filling with Christmas fare, in Uganda its warm and sunny all year round and only our calender tells us we need to start making our festive season plans!

## Kajjansi Airfield Open Day





In September we hosted our very first MAF Uganda Kajjansi Airfield Open Day. One warm Saturday morning, we opened our gates and invited more than 300 people from our local community into our Airfield, with the purpose of explaining what we do, allowing them to see our aircraft up close, eating lunch together, and building relationship with the people who live on our doorstep. Our MAF in the Community team (MIC) also used the event to launch a new initiative with the Kajjansi Local Council (LC) focused on plastic recycling. Plastic waste and burning has been a real problem in the local village, and when it rains, it becomes a problem on our airfield as plastic bottles wash down into our water ways and clog our drainage systems. So we invited a Ugandan plastic recycling company to come and explain the benefits to health and environment of recycling, and to demonstrate the amazing things that can be made from recycled plastic bottles.

As part of the launch, we also gifted the LC with some new bins (made from recycled oil drums) to help them get started, and we plan to follow up with the local schools and businesses on education and projects related to recycling. Our first Community Day was a very full and tiring day, but our team worked hard and did an incredible job, and the community enjoyed their time with us. Success



**MAF Day of Prayer** On the 6th November we paused our flying for the day, and came together as a team to pray, worship, and fellowship. It was a wonderful moment to focus on thankfulness, and we even managed a little ceilidh dancing to finish!

## **A Very Special Partnership**





This year MAF Uganda launched a very special partnership with our colleagues in MAF South Sudan, OCVI based in Juba, and CURE Hospital in Mbala, Uganda. CURE Hospital provides pediatric care for brain and neurological conditions, and is one of Africa's leading health facilities of its kind, specifically treating spina bifida and hydrocephalus in small children. For babies born with such conditions in South Sudan, there are no treatment options available within the country, so working together with our partners, MAF has been providing special flights of mothers and babies, for treatment in Uganda.

The Lord continues to open new opportunties for Duncan to minister,

the most recent being with a small Christian school in northern Uganda. In September Duncan took a road trip north with two local friends, to visit (and dance!) with the children, encourage the head teacher, and understand how he can support them in the future. At the moment he's raising funds to buy Bibles for the children, and to provide a new roof for the school. If you would like to support this little ministry in any way, then please let us know.



**Thank you for your continued support.** We couldn't do what we do here in Uganda if we didnt have prayer and financial support from many friends and family around the world. We are humbled by your kindness and generosity. For more information about our journey with MAF, and to find out about regular giving, please click <u>here</u> and follow the links, which include options for those living in the USA. THANK YOU again! You can also follow our story on our <u>Facebook Page</u>.

## Thank you for Praying



- We had a great time with family and friends during our visit to Scotland in June and July. Thank you to those who invited us to speak and we look forward to returning next summer.
- Sarah graduated with a Masters in Clinical Psychology in November, and is heading to Australia in January to do a YWAM DTS. Pray for her as she raises funds to go, and then travels via Uganda for Christmas.
- Rebekah has returned to college to study, and has started a new job with a small Scottish jewelry making business. Prayers for her as she enjoys this new season.
- Duncan is busy with work, church leadership, and new outreach opportunities, such as the school mentioned above. Prayers for direction and favour.
- Sam is doing great in school, and will soon sit exams. Prayers for him as he studies towards important school certificates.
- MAF in Uganda is a busy place right now, with lots of visitors, new projects, and a new float plane on its way. Prayers for Ruth as she leads the team that she will have wisdom, grace, and energy!