



## Change is in the **Air**

Our trip to Scotland in June and July was a wonderfully busy and enriching time! We filled our 5 weeks with many speaking events, family birthdays (Duncan turned 60!), a quick trip to Kewstich to climb England's highest mountain, precious time with friends and family, and an epic MAF celebration in London. In all, we counted 10 different beds in 5 weeks, so we certainly got around!

We returned to Uganda in mid-July with an important school year ahead for Sam as he started Grade 11 (that would be 5th Year in Scotland), and a new job for

Ruth - as of the 9th July, she is the MAF Deputy Regional Director for Africa. This role covers the whole Africa region, and includes 8 programmes in 8 countries from Guinea and Liberia in the West, to Madagascar in the East. There has been change for the girls too as Sarah completed her YWAM DTS in Australia and joined us in Scotland for 10 days before heading off to YWAM again, this time in Switzerland. And Rebekah is now both the Volunteer Coordinator at the Wild Olive Cafe in Glasgow, and also part of a Scottish jewellery making business called Rois Sea Glass.

## The Aid Cuts reach Uganda



You will be aware that in March this year, the Trump administration in the USA cut billions of dollars in international development aid, and subsequently closed down USAid. This dramatic and swift action left the global development and humanitarian sector reeling, with millions of job cuts, whole programmes and organisations shutting down, funding for hospitals and schools gone in an instant, and important life saving medications withdrawn. In Uganda, the removal of USAid from the large humanitarian sector has been devastating - nearly 2 million refugees across 13 large settlements left with significantly reduced or no food aid, healthcare or education. The result is

increased malnutrition in children, coping mechanisms that include prostitution and child trafficking, violence, deaths and suicides, and parents who simply walk away from their families because they can't look after them any more.

In the midst of this desperate situation, some organisations are trying to do even more with less, and MAF continues to fly many of them to the remote settlements in the north and west of the country. One such organisation is Khayamandi Foundation that amongst other things, is providing **child-headed households**, such as the one in the picture above, with highly nutritious meals and practical support to enable them to thrive whilst caring for each other without a parent.



**Amphibious Plane on its Way!** Our new amphibious plane has landed in the Netherlands, on its way from the USA where it was being refitted and painted. It will land in Uganda in October, and then months of training and preparation begin, before we can start serving the remote communities on Lake Victoria by Q2 2026.

### **30 Years Together and Still Having Fun**

On the 19th August, Duncan and Ruth celebrated 30 years of adventure together! We've lived on 4 very different continents, had 3 amazing children, and still enjoy the challenge and excitement everyday of walking where God leads us. So to celebrate, we drove 2 hours east to the River Nile, as it leaves Lake Victoria, and spent the day white water rafting! It was so much fun, and we feel very blessed to have such opportunities on our doorstep.



**Thank you for continuing to support us with prayer and financial giving.** We couldn't do what we do in Uganda if we didn't have the incredible support of many friends and family around the world. We are continually humbled by your kindness and generosity. For more information about our journey with MAF, and to find out about regular giving, please visit our webpage [www.maf-uk.org/jack](http://www.maf-uk.org/jack) and follow the links, which include options for those living in the USA. THANK YOU again! You can also follow our story on our Facebook Page.

## **Thank you for Praying**

Pray for Sarah as she continues her time with YWAM in Switzerland.

Pray for Sam as he studies through an important year of exams.

Pray for Rebekah in her new season of working new jobs.

Pray for Duncan as he continues in ministry, leadership in the church, and remote digital working.

Pray for Ruth as she takes on the new Africa Region role for MAF.

Pray for MAF in Uganda with lots of new projects coming up including the arrival of the amphibious plane, and the upgrade of Kajjansi Airfield.

Pray for Uganda and the refugees here.