

Joining with Mark and Sarah Newnham as they serve with MAF

## Summer 2024

Another school year is finished, Mark and I are busy trying to wrap up a few work projects before we pack the suitcases and head to the UK for a few weeks. While this is not a full newsletter we thought it might be helpful to send out an updated schedule for our Home Assignment and share you a few highlights from recent weeks.

### Home assignment 2024

We are looking forward to being back in the UK for a few weeks this summer. We will be in UK from 26th July to 6th September.

We hope to see as many of you as possible during this time so please come to one of the venues we will be speaking at or get in touch with us.

Sunday 28th July - Gillingham Baptist , Gillingham, Kent at 10.30am

Sunday 4th August - St Mary's, Redmire , Yorkshire at 10.30 am

Tuesday 6th August - Capernwray Evangelical Church, 7.30pm

Sunday 11th August (at Nether Kellet Congregational, Lancs - not speaking) Sunday 18th August - St Johns, Beckenham at 10.30 am

Sunday 25th August -Village Temple, Mold, Flintshire at 10am

Sunday 1st Sept - (at Wesley Hall Methodist, Sneyd Green, Stoke- not speaking)

If you would like to get together with us over a cuppa or a meal then we are in the **Kent area from 27th July - 1st August and from 17th August - 23rd August**. We are in the **Lancashire area from 3rd - 11th August** In the **Staffordshire area from 12th - 16th August and 31st August -4th Sept**

### Highlights from recent weeks...

Since our last newsletter Mark & I have been busy with our own roles with MAF and Beeheard. For the country of Kenya it has been a difficult few months. **Widespread flooding** affected the country in late April and May killing over 500 people. MAF was able to play a small part in the disaster relief efforts following the flooding.

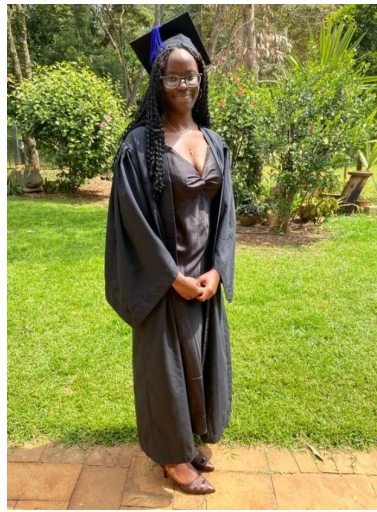
More recently, **protests across the country** against the passing of a Finance Bill 2024 and the proposed tax increases have led to demonstrations, disruption to daily life for many, and sadly further loss of lives.

I believe the church in Kenya is at a pivotal point as it chooses how to respond and be "salt and light" in this time.

Personally, we have also celebrated some great family moments. Abby, finished primary school receiving the "Overall Effort Award" for her year group and in June attended her first Horse Riding show.

Joshua is currently in his element doing two weeks work experience at a lodge in a Kenyan Conservancy, where he has been involved in a wide range of conservation and community activities.

We could not be prouder of Amy who has demonstrated such amazing determination. Her High School graduation was a wonderful celebration of all she has achieved. She will be remaining in the UK in September to start university, so there are big transitions ahead for all of us.



## Praises

That a replacement has been found for Mark's previous role within MAF. Mark has been busy doing induction with Alex who begins his new job at the beginning of August.

For the joy of seeing each of our children grow up and discover their gifts and begin to find their own way in life

We have already experienced changes of routine with Mark & Sarah beginning new jobs/ roles. This year we also will face times of transition as our children grow up and we make the transition to living in different countries. We are thankful that God goes before us even when the future is not totally known/clear.

## Prayers

For Amy as she receives her A-level results this summer and begins University.

For each of us as we adjust to this new season of living on different continents and the children leaving home.

For each of us to find the right balance between work, serving within our local church and family.

The pastor of our church here in Nairobi has now left. We are currently in a season without a minister but thankful for a strong leadership team.

Pray for us as we support and encourage those in the community group we lead.

For the country of Kenya & it's people. Life is not getting any easier and the cost of living is a real challenge for many of the folk we know

Mark and I will be celebrating our Silver Wedding anniversary this August. This photo may jog some memories of what we looked like 25 years ago! We are hugely thankful to God for his faithfulness to us through the years. Much of our adventure together has been with MAF and we are thankful for the many of you who have journeyed with us and prayed for us.

