



Riveted Together

Joining with Mark and Sarah Newnham
as they serve with MAF

For many of you Autumn is here, in Kenya it feels like rainy season might be arriving early which my plants are thankful for. We are reminded in Ecclesiastes 3 that there is a season for every activity under the heavens. We are certainly aware of being in a season of healing, of consciously choosing joy in the midst of pain, of looking for beauty amongst the shadows and trusting in God when things don't make sense. Whatever season you are in, may you know God's enfolding presence with you and in you.

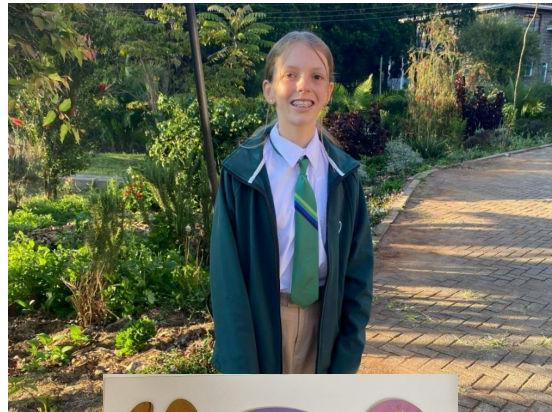
Some of our joy in recent weeks has come from the different ways we are reminded of Amy's legacy. We had a bespoke bench made for our MAF compound. The design is a reminder to us of the colour and joy she brought to those around her and is becoming a favourite spot to enjoy an afternoon cup of tea.



Highlights from recent weeks... Abby

Abby has just begun Year 8. At the end of last year after going through application forms, speeches, interviews with the Heads, and elections she was elected as Prefect for Inclusion. As well as other duties she will support the Inclusion Department this academic year which is a role she really enjoys.

She continues with hobbies such as horse riding and art, both of which help her to unwind and process her thoughts. Her summer creations include a series of three palettes entitled Sun, Moon and Stars. She is currently working on a piece for the local orchid society's annual competition.



Highlights from recent weeks... Josh

In July we celebrated Joshua's Secondary School graduation which was a wonderful day celebrating his hard work over the last two years. We are so proud of the independent, caring young man he has grown into. In August he received his results for his BTEC's in Travel & Tourism, Hospitality and Business Studies. He did incredibly well and is currently exploring various courses in South Africa that would enable him to pursue a career in Wildlife Conservation.

In the coming weeks he plans to spend some time in Uganda applying for his Ugandan Citizenship. Being a citizen of an East African country will make it much easier for him to live and work in the region. He is limited in what he can do as a dependent on our visas.



A Time to Pause.....

This summer we did not travel back to UK. Instead we spent the holidays here in Kenya. We needed the time to stop, slow down, reflect, enjoy walks, gardening, games and meals together. We had a bit of holiday time away, enjoying a week at the beach with friends where we rested, read, swam and took in daily rhythms of sunrises and sunsets, tides and ocean waves. A highlight was watching some baby sea turtles hatch and make their way to the ocean!

We also had the joy of having Sarah's Dad and sister, Elizabeth visit for 2 1/2 weeks. It had been many years since my sister had visited Africa and it was so much fun recounting childhood memories of our years growing up in Nigeria which were evoked by experiences here. She was also able to experience some things for the first time like the breath taking views of Mt Kilimanjaro and seeing lions in the wild. We are truly blessed to live in an amazing country and to get to share these special moments with family.



Your Gifts in Memory of Amy

We shared in our last newsletter that some of your gifts had been given to **Tumaini** (meaning hope), a **Christian counselling centre** here in Nairobi. They have used your gifts to renovate the children's play area and to offer counselling services to workers from the Global South that can't afford it themselves. We recently went to see the new play area and have lunch with the staff at Tumaini ...it is beautiful and we pray it will bring much joy for years to come.



From this...



To this...



MAF flight to Sesia



In the remote Samburu village of Sesia, daily life is marked by long walks for water, the scarcity of food and the struggle to provide for children. Recently, Mission Aviation Fellowship staff in Kenya partnered with missionaries Eddy and Amanda Simmons. The MAF team collected and donated food and clothing. Several MAF staff were able to go on the MAF flight to deliver the items to Sesia which were distributed to the families most in need.



Our next visit to the UK will be in December. Since this will be the 1st anniversary of losing Amy, our primary focus will be spending time with family and friends. We hope you understand that while we may visit a few churches we are not planning to speak at any services.