

April 2025

Greetings from Kampala, where the rains have started with gusto after a very hot and dry few months. We hope this letter finds you all doing well! We'd like to share here some of what has been happening in our neck of the woods since the start of this year.

From Pilot Parker The flying programme here in Uganda continues to be busy with our mixture of regular shuttles and charters. Some flights stand out from the crowd though and it was a real joy, a few weeks ago, to fly a YWAM team from Kajjansi to Bukasa, an island about 70Km south of Kampala on Lake Victoria. Bukasa is one of the few islands in this region which has an airstrip on it. The YWAM team were going to use the island as a starting point for evangelistic outreaches to some of the surrounding islands, by boat.

In the pod under the aircraft were about 200kg of Bibles in Luganda, the local language of this region, which the team of 12 from YWAM would be giving away during the outreach. I was told that this particular trip had been in the works for nearly a year but had been delayed due to a shortage of Luganda Bibles in Kampala.



The airstrip in Bukasa was due for an inspection so, with storm clouds looming a few miles away, I briskly walked the 930m down to the other end of the runway to check the condition of the grassy surface before departing for the 20 minute flight home again.

News from Uganda and our neighbours We continue to be thankful for the freedom we have here in Uganda. Early next year there will once again be elections and these are often accompanied by a rise in tensions, particularly here in the capital, Kampala. Please do pray for Uganda and for a peaceful time leading up to next January's elections.

Although we are blessed with peace here in Uganda, our neighbouring countries are going through difficult times. The MAF team in Juba, South Sudan, is still operating but the families of the international staff have been evacuated to Nairobi due to rising tensions within South Sudan. Similarly, the MAF East DRC families have been evacuated to Kampala. The pilots are still flying into the DRC, but from our base here in Kajjansi.

Please pray for peace in South Sudan and the DRC and also for the MAF families who are away from their homes at this time.

Family News In February Andrew made the exciting decision to be baptised by immersion! Although Andrew put his faith in the Lord many years ago (and was baptised as an infant many years before that) he had never been baptised as a believer and wanted to publicly declare his faith in Jesus by being baptised by immersion.



The baptism service at our Kampala church was a wonderful celebration! Andrew joined five others in being baptised in a small pool, set up in the car park outside the hall where our church meets.

In early March, after nine non-stop weeks of school we had a one week break. We escaped the noisy city of Kampala to spend three days on the banks of the River Nile, north of Jinja. We were excited to also spend a day out on the river, white-water rafting.



This was a real adventure, jumping out the raft to swim in the middle of the world's longest river, currents carrying us along on wider stretches and swirling us through the rougher white water. Ben was the adventure seeker on the team, seeking out the wildest rapids! You can spot him in the front of the raft here.

Liz, Ben and Joel continue to be busy at Heritage International Christian school. The school is currently recruiting for our next academic year, so if you know of anyone wanting to teach in Uganda, feel free to check the school website! <https://heritage.co.ug>

Upcoming Dates Please could we request prayer support for Liz as she prepares and speaks as one of three speakers at a Ladies Retreat on the weekend of April 25th -27th in Jinja. The theme of the weekend is "Our True Identity" as children of our loving God.

Liz is also one of the speakers at the Bangor Missions Convention in Northern Ireland from 16th -24th August this summer. Please pray for the Lord to guide Liz as she prepares her talks and prepares to represent MAF at this event.

The theme of this year's missions convention will be, "Go, tell".

<https://www.worldwidemission.org/conventions>

<https://www.worldwidemission.org/liz-parker>

We will not be doing a MAF Home Assignment this year but plan a quick visit to family in England in June. However, if you are in Northern Ireland in August Liz would love to see you! Liz has booked temporary leave from her teaching job during late August/ September. After the Bangor Missions convention she plans to spend time with her parents and with Esther. Esther is currently waiting to hear back from the universities she has applied to. We pray for God to guide her forward as she looks ahead to September.

Praise Points:

- **Bible distribution in Bukasa**
- **Andrew's baptism!**
- **Safety for our pilot team**

Prayer Points:

- **Peace leading up to elections**
- **Peace in South Sudan and DRC**
- **MAF Uganda's staff team**

Thank you, as always, for your much valued prayer, love and support. We are thankful for all that you invest into the work of MAF here in Uganda and all you do for the amazing people of this beautiful country through your support.

With our love from,

Liz, Andrew, Ben and Joel in Uganda XXXX