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From Uganda to England and back to Uganda, we are grateful for our UK visit during June and July! Now back at work with MAF and back at school, we would like to thank you for your warm welcome in England and to update you with our latest news.

Andrew returned to Uganda in mid-July, back to one of his busiest months of flying since we arrived in Uganda. He enjoyed the flying and was really encouraged by the work represented by the passengers we're flying.



It is exciting to be able to support work that helps people to access healthcare, education, training and even the word of God. Please pray for those working to bring God's word to people across the world and that those who receive it will experience the joy and truth of the following verse:

*Psalm 119:130*

*"The unfolding of your words gives light;..."*

A **HUGE THANK YOU** for all of the kindness, hospitality and time given to our family in England. It is always an absolute joy to see family and friends, to reconnect and to catch up face-to-face.



For the churches we were able to visit, we are hugely thankful for the warm welcome and for the support shown to MAF at St. Michael's (Chester Square), St. John's (Burscough) and All Saints (Ilkley).

It was also great to visit St. Leonards, Bootle, Grace church in Leatherhead and Apex church on the Isle of Wight. One of the talks we heard, based on Acts ch. 18, encouraged us that God is always at work- that His protection and presence are with us and that God has His people strategically placed. Despite the turbulent times we live in, we have a God who knows, sees and is at work.

**An encouragement:** On July 28th, Liz, Ben and Joel were welcomed back to Entebbe airport by Andrew. This was an emotional reunion for Liz, since this is the first time our family has returned to the African continent without Esther.



Our Entebbe reunion was observed by an unknown fellow traveller. She approached us with a huge smile and asked whether we would like to have our reunion captured with a photograph on our phone? Andrew accepted her kind offer.

"Welcome home!" our anonymous photographer said, before waving and disappearing back into the crowd.

The next morning, Andrew was surprised to find the same lady was a passenger on his early flight! She was part of a team from the non-profit organisation 'Kids Around The World' who were travelling up to Gulu where their ministry is "sharing God's transforming hope with kids and their communities through food, play and Bible stories."

When the MAF plane landed after their flight, this same lady and her team asked whether they could pray for Andrew and MAF. Andrew explained why Liz had been emotional and immediately the team gathered around and prayed for the work of MAF in Uganda, for our family and specifically for Esther. We were uplifted by this act of kindness and thoughtfulness.

This reminder highlighted for us God's compassion. God sees us- and sends in His people just when we need them, even when these people may be complete strangers.

*Psalm 136:23*

*"He remembered us in our low estate, His love endures forever."*

**Family News:** Ben, Joel and Liz have been back at school for a few weeks now and are getting back into the rhythm of early starts, class timetables and homework (for all three!). Our home has a slightly different feel. According to Liz, conversation now seems more heavily weighted towards topics such as engines, cars and "Myth Busters". With Andrew, Ben, Joel, a male dog and a male cat, Liz may be feeling a little outnumbered...!

Esther is currently based in London, with a wonderful family and is enjoying her gap year. We are thankful for What's App and for the gift of online communication! We send you all much love from Uganda and massive thanks for all of your prayers, love and support. Please let us know how we can pray for you- we always love hearing from you!

Andrew, Liz, Ben and Joel XXXX