

July 2025



Greetings from Kampala! We hope this finds you well. For those in the UK, we hope that the recent heatwave has allowed for pleasant outdoor times and has not been too overwhelming.

It was great to have time with family and several friends during our travels to England in June. Whilst in London, we also enjoyed visiting St. Michael's church in London, meeting the new vicar and answering interview questions about our MAF journey and God's goodness through the years. The three weeks passed quickly and we arrived back in Kampala towards the end of June.

**From Pilot Parker** The summer months are busy flying months for the pilots who remain in Kampala, since many MAF team members are away overseas on Home Assignments. In addition, our MAF Uganda team recently said farewell to two long-term pilots who returned to their home countries after serving with MAF in Africa and Asia for about 20 years each! Please pray for Andrew and the other pilots in the Uganda programme to stay well during this busy season.

**Float plane update** The float plane which is on its way to Uganda has now been painted in MAF colours and is receiving some final modifications to make it ready for its work here. Currently the aircraft is in the USA but we are led to believe it should arrive here in Uganda before the end of this year, so watch this space...



**News from Uganda** It has been a season of "small rains" here in Kampala. It is good that farmers have had the rains. For the boys and Liz, it feels ironic to spend school holidays in Uganda with rain falling briefly almost every day, whilst England basks in a heatwave!

Uganda is preparing for the January 2026 General Election. Political campaigns are underway and candidate posters adorn billboards across the city. Please pray for peace during this run-up to the General Election.

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**Praise Points:**

- A refreshing visit to the UK.
- The Float Plane soon on its way to Uganda.
- Esther's place at Bath University.

### Prayer Points:

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- **Peace in Uganda during these elections.**
- **Student Finance for Esther.**

**Family News** We are grateful that Esther has been able to visit this summer! She was the first Parker to fly direct to Uganda from London, on the newly opened Uganda Airlines route from Gatwick to Entebbe! For anybody interested in this new route (come and see us!!)

We are also excited to report that Esther has been offered a place at Bath University, starting in September. It has been complicated submitting the required information for the Student Finance body so we would definitely appreciate your prayers as we wait to hear whether Esther will be granted the student loan required to enable her to start a Social Sciences course.

Ben enjoyed a week's work placement in the MAF Uganda hangar at the start of July. Ben helped the engineering team with various tasks, including preparing an aircraft fuselage and wing for re-painting and sealing a leaky windscreen on a Cessna-206.



During that same week Joel had the opportunity to join Andrew for a day at work. Flying in the Caravan to Gulu and Pakuba in the north-west of the country it was an experience both captain and co-pilot enjoyed very much :)

Ben and Joel are currently attending a week-long camp specifically for Third Culture Kids at a beautiful spot at the edge of Lake Victoria, about two hours out of Kampala. Several of their good friends are on the camp with them and it's bound to be loads of fun! We pray that they have fantastic teaching times, too, during the Bible teaching sessions.

**August events** Liz starts work in early August, back in the classroom preparing for another academic year as a Y2 teacher. Ben and Joel will start their academic year a week later.

After 2 weeks of work, Liz will take a 6-week period of leave from her teaching job and fly to Northern Ireland to take part in the Bangor Worldwide Missions convention.

We would value your prayers for Liz as she prepares for and takes part in the convention. She is mindful that it is a huge privilege to have this opportunity to speak about God's faithfulness and to share about the work of MAF. It is both exciting and daunting!

Liz has several commitments over the 10-day convention, including an interview on the opening night; speaking mid-week about MAF's work in East Africa; 3 speaking engagements at churches around Bangor; being part of the ladies event; leading a team Devotions one mid-week morning.

After the convention, Liz plans to spend time with her parents and then Esther- hopefully helping Esther to move to Bath! She then looks forward to returning to the Parker Boys in Kampala, as she will miss them when she is away! (Liz is already wondering what the house will look like when she returns- strewn with tools, the spare parts of motorbikes and machines, empty KFC wrappers?? Yes, we do have KFC in Kampala!).

THANK YOU so much for your prayers, support and kindness. We are thankful for each of you and for your partnership with the work of MAF in Uganda. Please do keep us updated with your news and prayer requests. We always love hearing from you!

With our love from,

**Liz, Andrew, Ben, Joel and Esther in Uganda XXXX**