

# WINGING IT BURROWS NEWSLETTER



## 2025 is flying by

This has been both a challenging and exciting period for Ed flying with MAF in Liberia. He has enjoyed navigating the heavy rain and epic thunderstorms that rainy season brings. Unfortunately, USAID budget cuts have impacted funding for many NGOs here, as well as across the world, and as a result there has been lower numbers flying with us. Whilst this is discouraging, hearing firsthand from some of our long term partners, as well as seeing the impact of flights for reaching isolated communities, continues to drive the team.

As well as exploring new partnerships, MAF is looking into new airstrips which will open up access to more communities here, like Sanniquellie (top photo). Located in the North East, this is the second most populous county in Liberia and MAF will begin flying there from November.

Life for us as a family is feeling more and more 'normal' these days and we are learning to accept



**Back to school**



**Enjoying the rainy season mud!**



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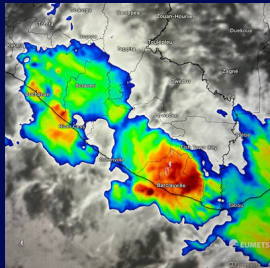
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## Work highlights

- Having a small assistant one Saturday help prep for a medivac
- Helping isolated patients receive urgent medical treatment
- Navigating the many wet season storms
- Helping open a new airstrip in Sanniquellie
- Learning to tow the aircraft with the mini tractor
- Getting to know the various passengers and long term partners

that there will always be something to fix as the relentless salt air and humidity continues its destructive work!

It's hard to believe that the kids are already half way through the first school term! They have settled in really well to their new classes and joined some after school clubs including soccer, dance and craft, which have been set up by others living on the compound. The Christmas play rehearsals are also underway with Nate playing the 'head shepherd' and Eliana a Magi.

Thankfully the school has enough teachers this year which means both kids are now in full time - a big change to last year! This has allowed Kathy to take on the role of Visitor Coordinator for the MAF team on the compound, whilst continuing to offer support to the communications team now that the maternity cover is complete. She has joined the school PTA and is also involved in some fundraising for people in the local community.



**A British family arrived in Aug to work with SIM**



**Enjoying the playground**



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*Ed, Kathy, Nate and Eliana*