



## **Ken, Maz and family serving with MAF in Kenya**

### **Safe again - again!**

Thank you for all your support and emails and prayers after the attack in January at the Dusit hotel. It is only just over a mile from our new house and we could hear the gun fire and bombs exploding.

Of course, attacks like that can, and do, happen anywhere in the world and it was incredible how quickly life for us seemed to slot back into normal again. Although life is not quite what it used to be.

We now have 6 armed police patrolling the school where our church meets on a Sunday. It is all part of a security initiative to increase the security presence at strategic locations such as churches and shopping malls.

We had another unexpected security surprise the other week. When taking Maz to a woman's retreat she was leading for church we encountered a road block with burning tyres in our neighbouring street. Local traders were protesting about being moved on by the police. We managed to evacuate all the ladies from the building and bring them back to ours for much needed coffee and cakes!

## Settling in, again

As we mentioned in our last newsletter, we moved just before Christmas into some temporary accommodation whilst the new compound on the edge of Nairobi is completed. Here is something good, and not so good, about our new home:

**Ken:**

**Like** - Fantastic showers

**Not so good** - the two hour commute - starting between 6:15 and 6:45 am!

**Maz:**

**Like:** Having a spare room. It's the nicest room in the house and I love hosting guests. Why not come and try it out yourself?

**Not so good:** the tiny weeny outside space

**Kids** (all said the same thing!):

**Like:** Location

**Not so good:** Having to move again in a few months time

## Hiking in the Aberdares



The Aberdares in Kenya are much higher (and prettier) than their South Wales namesakes.

A few weekends back we tackled one of the taller peaks - Elephant Hill. Only the Elephant part of the name is accurate as this is no mere hill!

The route we took started at just over 8,000 feet and the 12 mile walk took us through a dense bamboo forest up to the peak at 12,000 feet. It is up at the peak that we were reminded of the dangers of flying in Kenya - it was here that a small plane crashed last year killing all 10 people on board in heavy cloud. The wreckage has never been recovered and is clear to see from the summit.

The walk down was probably harder as it started to hail -yes we do get hail (and snow) in Kenya. You just need to be around 10,000 plus feet up. It was a hard slog as the elephant foot prints filled up with water but well worth the effort.



Here we are around two thirds of the way through the walk at a sign post encouragingly called the Point of Despair! It's not clear if it's called that because it's over 10,500 feet above sea level, a height at which many people start to feel the effects of altitude sickness, or whether it's because the route gets very steep at this point, or a mixture of the two!

## MAF news



This picture taken in the MAF Kenya hangar last week shows the new airplane (ZS-CGH) for the MAF South Sudan programme. It will remain at the hangar whilst it is registered with the Kenyan Civil Aviation Authority before it travels north to Juba to provide essential support to the humanitarian work in South Sudan.

## Too late for an Oscar?

Ken was recently interviewed as part of a recruitment campaign by MAF Australia. It was filmed by a young couple of film makers who were visiting the MAF programmes in Africa. There is some nice photography in the film so why not take a look? Who knows, it might even encourage you to volunteer to join MAF!

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_Gfk\\_vr8zjg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_Gfk_vr8zjg)

# Prayer points

- We thank God for the provision of our temporary home. Please pray for our continued safety and that the children will not be unsettled by the recent events.
- Please pray for the Alpha Course that we will be hosting from next month, for all those who will be attending and that it will help answer questions they might have about the Christian faith.
- The number of youth at our church is growing rapidly. Please pray for wisdom in how to best nurture them in their faith.