

The Parker Post

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“The Lord himself goes
before you and will be with you;
He will never leave you nor
forsake you.”

Deuteronomy 31:8



It is amazing how much can be packed into just 3 months! Since our November prayer letter, Andrew continues to fly for MAF within Uganda and South Sudan. Three of our family have celebrated another birthday. We have all been to Kenya and back, but Liz has added two extra visits to Nairobi...

From Pilot Parker

On the flying front January and February have been busy months for Andrew, flying 5 days a week most weeks. Recent flights have included our regular shuttle to the NW of Uganda, serving our partners in the refugee camps close to the border of Congo and South Sudan; our Karamoja shuttle serving missionaries and NGO's working in the NE of Uganda; our twice weekly shuttle to South Sudan; and a few group charters in between.

Please pray for the situation in the eastern part of DRC (Congo). Increased rebel activity, combined with an Ebola outbreak, means that life is hard for many living in that region. One of our regular shuttles aims to serve those working in eastern DRC but we are currently unable to fly into that region because the airport in Bunia is no longer allowing international flights. Please pray that this restriction is soon lifted so that MAF can serve the missionary community and development work in DRC more efficiently.



What happened at Christmas?

Christmas in Uganda dawned bright and sunny. Although it can be sad to be far from extended family, we do enjoy Uganda's mild climate and this year we enjoyed celebrating Christmas outdoors, with five other families from the wonderful international community around us.

Twenty eight of us gathered for a Christmas BBQ lunch, quiz and fun games!



Our families all together in Uganda, Christmas 2018

Later, we had our evening meal with different friends, including a missionary family we knew during our time in Tanzania. They were passing through Kampala for Christmas and it was a treat to catch up with them after several years.

One of the wonderful and surprising things about our overseas life is how friends cross our paths in places and times we least expect!



Andrew with Dr. John on the Magambua airstrip. Tanzania, 2013

Renew Conference

Over New Year, we drove 15 hours, over two days, to the beautiful Brackenhurst conference centre, near Nairobi.

This year, we were not only attending the annual East Africa mission-workers conference: Andrew and I were also part of the committee who organise and lead the conference.

We had such a fun time that we decided to join the leadership of next year's conference too!

It sometimes felt difficult last year to work on planning this conference in Kenya while living in Uganda. However, we've committed to be on the organising committee for a second time after hearing one isolated missions worker express that this had been, for her, "the perfect conference".

Living in Kampala, we have access to a good church with sound teaching, a great school for our children and better health care than we ever had in Tanzania and South Sudan. We don't take these new blessings for granted.

Now that we are in an easier posting, we feel that the least we can do is give our new-found energy to support other missionary workers who find themselves in those harder places, facing struggles we can relate to from before.



Thank you

In November, we asked you to pray for Liz as she had been having health issues with her sinuses. THANK YOU for your amazing support and prayers. We are very grateful to you for this- and thankful to God for these answered prayers:

- Happily, our health insurance agreed to fund two trips to Kenya to visit an ENT doctor.
- The doctor the insurance company chose for my health care, without consulting me, “just happened” to be the specialist a friend had recommended months earlier!
- The treatment the ENT doctor prescribed was so effective that there is no need at present for surgery! What a relief. A check-up is due on March 14th to see how things are going.
- One of Liz’s closest friends from Dodoma “just happens” to live close to the hospital in Nairobi. On both occasions, Liz was able to stay with Sarah and family; fantastic quality time with good friends!

Family update

To round off, let us leave you with some up to date family photos- taken at three birthdays we have celebrated since our last newsletter!



Thank you again for all of your much appreciated prayer and support!

With our love from Kampala, **Liz, Andrew, E B J** XXXXX

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