



Hello everyone!

We hope you all had a good Easter last weekend and enjoyed celebrating our risen Saviour with friends and family!

We had a great time celebrating Easter here in Kampala. Our church joined with other churches from across Kampala for a joint Good Friday service, and then on Easter Monday we had a church picnic in the garden of one of the families that attend our church. It was a really lovely time and a great reminder that Gods family consists of every tribe and tongue. We enjoyed celebrating with our brothers and sisters from Uganda, Rwanda, DRC, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Germany, The Netherlands, USA and the UK. Kampala is a very multi-national city!

This week we have decided to take a bit of time off work because the kids are on their Easter school break, but also because the first few months of 2024 have been a very full-on time for us as a family!

As some of you will know, if you're part of our WhatsApp prayer support group, we have just moved house, which has been a huge blessing! However, shortly after we moved house, Steph had to go into hospital for an operation to have a cyst removed that was causing here pain. This obviously caused us a bit of nervousness, with no prior experience of the Ugandan health care system, we weren't sure what to expect, but after consulting with medical experts in Uganda and back in the UK, we were re-assured that the procedure could be done here in Uganda with minimal risk. Thankfully, everything went well, and although Steph still has a bit of pain she is recovering well!

Our new house, which is located about a mile away from our old house, has been a real blessing! The house we were living in originally was having a hotel constructed next door, which along with being very noisy and having builders constantly watching everything we did, meant that we would always have a lot of windows looking into our compound. MAF deemed that it wasn't good from a security perspective so they decided to move us.

As our new house is located on one of the hills overlooking Kampala, we have a beautiful view from our garden.



Thank you to all of you who joined with us in praying for somewhere new to live! I don't think we realized how much it was wearing us down being in our old house!

In the MAF Uganda hangar we have been very busy over the last few weeks with lots of maintenance being done to keep our aircraft flying!

We work closely with the MAF US team that operates aircraft in East DRC and recently we have been able to help them with an engine change and some structural repairs on one of their aircraft.

I have also recently finished a project to install a new engine monitoring instrument and a fuel flow transducer in our Cessna 206, which will allow our pilots to more closely monitor their fuel consumption and engine performance allowing them to better plan their flights.



MAF Uganda Cessna 206 parked outside the office building



Evelyn & Bear - Bear is starting to grow big now even though he is only 6 months old!



Raya found a Chameleon while we were at the swimming pool!

On the 12th of April I will be going to Wichita, Kansas in the USA for three weeks to undergo aircraft type training for the Cessna Caravan and Pratt & Whitney PT6 engine. Wichita is the home of Cessna so it will be an interesting trip for me, but Steph will be home alone with the girls so we would very much appreciate your prayers during that time.

It's also not too long now until we come back to the UK for our home leave which will be between the 9th of June and the 8th of August 2024. We are currently still planning where we will be and when, but we will let you know shortly when and where we are going to be so that we can catch up with as many of you as possible while we are back.

Thank you again for all your support.

Mark

Prayer Points Please pray that:

- God would bless Mark's time away in the USA and that Steph and the girls would be well supported while he is away.
- That our preparations for home leave would go well and we would be able to prepare well to communicate the work that God has been doing here in Uganda.

Praise God Give thanks that:

- God has provided us with a wonderful house that we can settle into here in Kampala.
- Steph's operation went well and we didn't have to return to the UK to have it done.
- We have a wonderful Church family here in Kampala that we can be part of.