

Important visitors, a trip to Tanzania for Andrew, a radio interview and health concerns for Uganda...

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Pilot News: MAF Uganda's flying continues with our regular shuttles to the NW and NE of the country along with the weekly shuttle to Yambio in South Sudan and some recent charters to the SW. Organisations we have flown recently include Baptist Mission, World Vision, UNICEF, AIM, Compassion and Pioneers International.

There was an unusual deviation from the norm last month when Andrew flew a world-famous passenger. MAF Uganda were chosen by Her Royal Highness, Princess Anne, to visit charity projects that she supports in refugee settlements in the west.



Welcoming British royalty on board is not an everyday occurrence for MAF pilots! Andrew was pleased to be one of the pilots for our royal guest, as well as joining a few other MAF staff to attend an evening Reception at the British High Commission after the flights were done.

(Note from Liz: It was fun to see Andrew dressed up in a suit for this Reception! Even though spouses were not invited to the reception, it was exciting to be one handshake closer to British royalty right here in Uganda!).



Earlier this month Andrew also returned to MAF Tanzania for a short working visit. As a check pilot on the Cessna 206 it was necessary for Andrew to renew his Tanzanian licence in order to carry out flight checks with their pilots.

Even more important visitors: In early October we were all excited to welcome Andrew's mum to Uganda! Andrew's mum, Annabel, visited for almost 3 weeks and it was a season of "Firsts". This was her first visit to East Africa and Uganda, her first flight with Andrew as a MAF pilot, her first trip on a motorbike (riding on the back of Andrew's motorbike to visit the children at school!), her first time to see the magnificent Murchison Falls. It was wonderful to have her here with us!



Ebola outbreak: In September this year, Uganda declared an outbreak of Ebola in Mubende district, several hours from Kampala. This cruel and often fatal virus has spread across several other districts in Uganda and has now made it to Kampala. While Ebola is not as easily spread as Covid, it is troubling to have this sickness in Uganda and in the capital city where we live.

Please pray for Uganda at this time. Please pray for those grieving after losing loved ones, for those identified as contacts of patients with Ebola and feeling afraid and for Health workers and government ministers to work with integrity to get this virus under control.

Please pray for an end to Ebola, for a vaccine to be developed (currently there is no proven vaccine for this strain of the disease) and for God's protection for us as we live, work and attend school and church in Kampala. This can be a stressful situation. We ask God for wisdom to make safe decisions on a day-to-day basis.

On the radio: On Wednesday November 23rd Liz spoke to UCB presenter, Ruth O'Reilly-Smith, on the UCB2 radio show, "This is My Story". It was aired between 11am and 12pm GMT on UCB2 Radio. The theme of the programme was, "God at work in our lives."

Thank you: Back in August, Liz and the children found themselves delayed in England longer than anticipated. Thank you for your prayers at this time! We five were finally reunited in Kampala on August 20th.

As an added bonus, Liz and the children met our friend, Kay Morrow, in transit at Qatar airport in the wee, small hours of August 20th. We enjoyed a posh cup of (very!) early morning tea with Kay, in the Harrod's Tea-Room at Qatar airport!



Thank you, as always, for your prayers, kindness and generous support. We could not work for MAF in Uganda without you. Thank you for partnering in the work of MAF. We are thankful for each one of you. Please do let us know how we can pray for you, too, as we partner together.

We also want to wish you all a peaceful Christmas and God's blessings during this Christmas season and into 2023. **HAPPY CHRISTMAS!**

With our love from Kampala, Liz, Andrew, Esther, Ben, Joel XXXXX

Praise points: for the special visit of Andrew's mum
for MAF being able to support the work of many organisations within Uganda
for God's help for Joel adjusting to Secondary School

Prayer points: for Uganda to be free of Ebola
for integrity for authorities to fight this virus effectively
for God's protection over MAF and the staff here in Uganda