

The Montgomery Family



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“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” which means, “God with us.”
Matthew 1:23



Merry Christmas from Uganda



As we come to this Christmas season, and celebrate the King of Kings, who came humbly to this world to bring us salvation, we are reminded that He truly is the greatest gift. Over these past few months the words of Matthew 1:23 have stood out in our minds, “Immanuel, God with us”. With so many new and challenging things, we have been keenly aware, that yes, God is with us. We find ourselves praising Him more and also seeking His strength and wisdom more, knowing that He is with us and sees our struggles and joys.

We praise Him for meeting our needs in friendships, safe driving, a home church and good health. These things are always on our minds and never taken for granted. The girls continue to develop new and deeper friendships with the kids at school and we are so grateful that they have made connections and are thriving. Driving is always a bit crazy, even on days when you expect no extra traffic, there will be something going on and the road will be packed. But we praise God for continued safety as we drive to school each day and do our errands around the city. We have settled into a church here and are so thankful to be a part of a body of believers that are seeking the truth of the Word and are also reaching out to the people around them, in their neighbourhoods and their country.

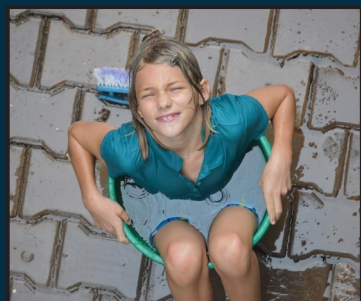
As we look ahead to the coming months, our prayer is that we would be able to invest more in the people around us and see the opportunities that God is placing before us to engage and share His love.

Thank you for continuing to pray for us. God is faithful and we praise Him for such an amazing team behind us.

In His Care, *Sarah and Nathan,
Hannah, Jasmine, Aliyah & Lauren*



Lauren having fun with the team at the East DRC Family Conference



What better thing to do in rainy season, than to play in it



We spent a Saturday morning at the Botanical Gardens in Entebbe. It was a great place to get away from the city to enjoy the quiet and the monkeys.





What takes place in our ministry?

Our ministry with MAF is a lot of behind the scenes kind of work, that's just the nature of being a mechanic. Each day Nathan heads out to the hangar to do his part in keeping these planes flying. Recently while helping the Uganda team with their maintenance on 5X-LDR, the turbine engine Caravan, Nathan was involved in a "hot section inspection" The "hot section", refers to the area in the engine that comes after the fuel is burned, the turbines are part of this and because they spin over 38,000 rotations per minute and will see temperatures over 800 degrees Celsius, they are considered "hot". These are extreme operating conditions and after an engine has been run for so many hours, these parts must be disassembled, and inspected. This time it was LDR's turn. It was parked in the hangar for several days while the team disassembled and closely inspected these parts for damage or deterioration. Once they were happy that everything was in good working order, it was put back together and sent back into service, where it will continue to be used in the ministries that God is using MAF for in Uganda.

The plane mentioned above makes many trips up to the more northern areas of Uganda and recently one of our pilots flew a medical team from Seattle, Washington, up to Moroto. This is what they had to say about their recent time here and the work they are doing to help the people:

"This year we served 1,850 men women and children over three days at a church in the Katwe slum... we were joined in that work by volunteer Ugandan doctors, nurses, and lab technicians. MAF flew 10 of us to Moroto last week where we held a much smaller clinic serving the Karamojong villagers, again joined by volunteer Ugandan doctors. This Karamoja work is very new, the church plant is only 18 months old...we've been able to fund a land purchase, a water well, a church building, a two room school house, and the first two dwelling units of a future guest house."

It is exciting to partner with groups like this, enabling them to spend less time traveling and more time with the people.

A couple of weeks ago, Nathan and I were also able to ride along on a flight going up to this area. We left Kajjansi airstrip and headed to Moroto, then on to Kotido, Gulu, then home to Kajjansi. It was a great experience to see the land and to talk with the passengers about the work they are doing in the northern parts of Uganda. Most organizations base out of Kampala or Entebbe, so many of the workers, travel to and from as they support the work in the villages, or come into the city for training or supplies. It was wonderful to see and hear first-hand how MAF is making a difference in helping the people of Uganda.



“ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be on his shoulders and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”
Isaiah 9:6

Praise...

...for friendships and a home church
...for the little things that help make it feel more like Christmas even when everything is different

Prayer...

... to be continually open to opportunities to engage with the people and to learn about their culture
... for safety as we drive each day around the city
... for comfort as we celebrate Christmas away from family



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