

Hi Y'all,

We have lots to share with you this month. ☺ Mike's trip to MAF headquarters in Idaho went really well. Thank you for your prayers for both of us while he was away. The training was excellent. One of the main topics was how to do field orientation for new mechanics and maintenance reviews for current mechanics. Also there was an informative presentation on protective safety gear. While he was there he was able to visit with pilots & mechanics from around the world including a couple from Lesotho. MAF has chapel every Wednesday morning, which he was able to attend the week he was there, and got to hear about the work of MAF in 2 different places.

Our church, Kampala Baptist Church, has a wonderful tradition every year at the end of January. We had a thanksgiving service for what the Lord had done us the previous year. Both church services were combined for one service so the church was packed. Everyone was encouraged to bring a thanksgiving offering, but not necessarily money. Many of the poorer families brought produce from their land like sugar cane or bags of vegetables. Some brought eggs & chickens. A couple of ladies baked cakes and served them to the congregation. Many gave their testimonies. We had a great celebration service for what the Lord had done in our lives in 2016. We were most thankful for our furlough and how the Lord blessed us with opportunities to visit with many of you and for the generosity of our churches and God's people.

The Scripture Union puppet team met at our house this past Thursday. It was a bit of a challenge for them to find our place because there are very few road signs and you navigate by landmarks. We are a bit hidden in the middle of a hill. We had supper for them and then they did some practice for their puppet presentations today. They are going to a church whose topic today is family and they are doing their presentation in 3 services. Please pray that it will make an impact in that church.

A video has recently been released about Bible translation work in East Congo and how our MAF team was a part of it. Our planes made it possible for the translators to carry out the work in a very remote area. These are airplanes that Mike maintains on a regular basis. Here is a link for the video and the rest of the story:

<https://hub.maf.org/video/edrc-bible-dedication-video>

MAF is hosting an Open House in Wichita, Kansas featuring John Boyd, President of MAF. MAF's Kodiak will be on display. If you are in the area and would like to attend you are more than welcome! ☺ Here are the details:

April 1 from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm

Mid Continent Aviation Services

1640 Airport Road - Wichita, KS 67209

Directions: Take South Airport Road off of West Kellogg

On a more 'earthy' note... we've discovered termites in our kitchen. Perhaps you've been to areas of the world where you find huge termite/ant hills. Those are the kinds of termites I'm talking about and they were trying to build one of those hills between the cabinet and the wall under the kitchen sink. I've lived overseas most of my life so bugs don't normally bother me but termites in my kitchen is not working for me!! Hopefully they will get it sorted out this week, but it will take a plumber, electrician, cabinet maker, and exterminator to get the job done. Then, last night, I experienced my first earthquake. This morning Mike found information that the earthquake was in western Uganda (125 miles from here) at a 4.7 magnitude. The only reason we knew it happened was that we were using our projector and the image began to shake and then our windows rattled a bit. We have not heard any reports of damage and pray there was nothing serious.

We are so thankful for you and would love to hear from you and how we can pray for you!

Blessings,

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