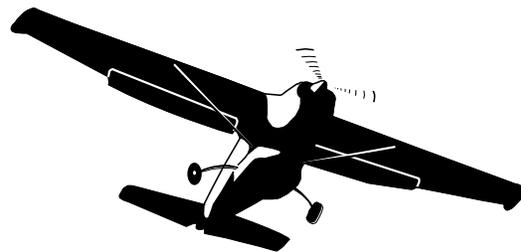


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LePoidevin Prayer Release

Dear Praying Family and Friends,

WHEN THERE IS ROOM

MARCH 2017

A missionary family, living in the city of Nampula since they first arrived in the country several years ago, are building a home about 25 km outside of Nampula. Their focus is to work with the local church to help equip and prepare national missionaries to live sustainable lives in other parts of the country by training them to grow their own food in the various seasons of the year, all year long. Their property has no access to city generated electricity, so they have been looking into buying a solar power system for their house. They are available in South Africa, but transportation all the way up to Nampula (by road about 1500 miles/2500 km) was a big challenge. Some of the parts are fragile, and other parts would be a target for theft. MAF to the rescue!

Dave and his colleague, Dave, were flying our Caravan airplane to South Africa. They were bringing with them an engine core that needed to be shipped back to the US. They also had with them several pieces of tools and aircraft instruments that had to be calibrated and recertified for continued use. While they were in South Africa, they had their appointment with the FAA



approved medical doctor who can issue their flight medical licenses (they both passed). And, of course, there is always shopping to do when you are in a land of plenty and flying back to Mozambique with an almost empty airplane. ☺

Well, the plane was not going back near empty! The missionary was able to purchase, and have delivered to the airport where the plane was parked, the needed solar power system. A couple of days later Dave and Dave flew back to Nampula with it. What a blessing to be able to assist this family with their need, bringing their expensive and much-needed electricity source in a quick and safe manner! They are planning to move into their house at the end of April. ☺

Here is part of the load inside the airplane.

- ***Praise the Lord for the timing and the logistics that worked out so well for the transportation of the solar power system!***
- ***Please pray that God would use this family to prepare solid national missionaries who will be Spirit-filled, faithful, knowledgeable, and tenacious.***

MARCH RAIN

God has continued to provide rain! Through the whole month of March, we have had steady rain. I would even venture to say we have had more this month than in any of the other months this rainy season.

- ***We thank the Lord for providing rain***
- ***Please pray that as people have crops and food to eat that they come to know the God who provided that for them***

FASCINATING NUMBERS

You do not have to be a mathematician to appreciate these numbers. That is because they are really so much more than just facts and figures. They represent what MAF-US, by the grace of God, was able to accomplish in 2016 all over the world. However, it is even more than that. Behind the numbers are people - - - people who have been touched by God's love.

- Number of flights: 22,495
- Passengers carried: 73,708
- Pounds Cargo carried: 7,778,520
- Hours flown: 13,988
- Nautical Miles Flown: 1,732,096
- Travel days saved versus ground travel: 57,077

- Work years saved: 236
- Take-offs & landings: 44,990
- Every 11.7 minutes an MAF-US airplane takes off or lands.
- Airplanes in the MAF-US fleet: 51
- Provided secure email/VPN service to 1,506 clients in 91 countries.
- Operated 157 VSATs
- Distributed more than 3,100 digital biblical resources on 50 MAF connect boxes.
- Reached more than 400 airstrips or water landing sites
- Served more than 600 partner organizations

OK, you can pull your jaw back up now. ☺ What is even more jaw dropping than these numbers is the enormous group of people that have given of their resources and have prayed throughout the year for those figures to become a reality! You are in that group! It is simply mind blowing!

- ***Praise the Lord for what He has done through every MAF missionary and their supporters!***

TRAVEL PLANS

Dave, Annie, and I will be traveling to the US from mid-April to mid-May, which is Annie's school break between the second and third term. There are several reasons for this trip: Dave will attend MAF's Global Leadership Conference in Idaho, we will all participate in the 50th wedding anniversary celebration of Dave's parents, and I need to set foot on US soil to keep my Green Card current.

We are especially excited to have all our adult children, plus Robbie, come join us in Minnesota for the anniversary celebration! It is only for a weekend, but every minute together will be special.

- ***Please thank the Lord for this opportunity to be with family***
- ***Please pray that we will have a memorable time together***

FAMILY UPDATE

Robbie has been making a lot of pottery lately, particularly coffee mugs (one can always use another coffee mug, right?). He has his own electric kiln, but every so often, he goes to some friends in Georgia that has a wood burning kiln. That is his favorite. ☺ Karina has started her garden and is really enjoying that.

Sylvia will be moving to a townhouse next month, sharing it with two other single women. Housing is expensive in the Los Angeles area, so she was happy to find this opportunity when her current lease expired.

Thomas is in the race to the finish line of the spring semester of his senior year. Though he himself is not graduating until December, most of his classmates will graduate in May. Thomas is working hard with his classmates to finish the Senior Design project and other important assignments.

Annie turned 7 years old this month! We had a party for her with eight guests, and Annie had fun planning and preparing for her party. Here she is surrounded by some of the friends that came to the party: Joshua, Faira, Bekah, and Ethan. Little Hannah came with her mom to pick up her sister, Bekah.

- ***Please pray that Robbie's mugs and other pottery products will sell***
- ***We thank the Lord for providing affordable housing for Sylvia***
- ***Please pray for stamina and strength for Thomas to finish well this challenging term***
- ***We thank God for Annie***



Many, many thanks to you for your part in this ministry! Thank you for every prayer prayed for us!

Gerd, for the LePoidevins

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