

# Mission Aviation Fellowship

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## LePoidevin Prayer Release

Dear Family and Friends,

### A SPECIAL EASTER ARRIVAL

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A very exciting arrival happened on Easter Sunday! The brand new Cessna Caravan landed in Nampula after its long journey across the Atlantic! The whole MAF team currently present in Mozambique was there to welcome it! The ferry pilot, Dylan, and his wife, Valerie, from Canada, picked up the airplane in Maine, where the extra fuel tank inside the airplane had been installed. They spent about 10 days flying it from Maine to Mozambique, stopping in places like Nova Scotia (Canada), the Azores

(Portugal), Dakar (Senegal), Accra (Ghana), Luanda (Angola), and Lusaka (Zambia). One interesting fact about their trip is that during the flight across the Atlantic (Nova Scotia to the Azores), Dylan and Valerie wore wet suits while flying. Not the most comfortable, but it was just in case of a water crash landing.



And now the plane is here! What was once an almost laughable idea and vision has become an actual and beautiful airplane. God has done an amazing thing! That brought tears of joy! May this airplane serve God well here in Mozambique!



We are grateful to the Lord for providing this large and spacious hangar just a few months before the Caravan arrived. She fits very nicely in her new home. ☺

(Team picture in front of the airplane taken by Valerie Neufeld)

- ***Praise the Lord for the safe and timely arrival of this wonderful gift and tool!***
- ***Please pray for God to move the mountain of paperwork and red tape needed to get this airplane legal to operate here in Mozambique (this is a big one!)***

### A LITTLE ABOUT EVERYTHING

Kent and Dave traveled to Maputo, the capital city, where Kent took his pilot validation exam, and we are very pleased that he passed it! The harder one for the guys so far has been the mechanic validation test. That one is yet to come for Kent.

The last week of March, Dave traveled to the States, specifically to Kansas. He will meet up with our pilot on furlough, Dave Holmes, and the two of them will do a Caravan course together at Flight Safety International. After the course, Dave will travel on to Minneapolis to visit his parents and other family members. A special blessing will be Sylvia flying up to Minnesota from California for the weekend that Dave is there. ☺

Our short-term couple, Ron and Margie Grant, arrived at the beginning of the month. Ron is working hard on all kinds of construction/improvement/repair type projects at the hangar (so far). When time and resources allow, he will move on to projects lined up for him at the MAF property. We are so glad to have him here to take care of all this needed work! Ron and Margie plan on living here until early September, when they will go on furlough (and maybe retire ☺). (In the team photo above, Ron and Margie are standing on my left side.)

Kent Contrucci from the Safety Department at MAF, and his wife, Nancy, spent almost a week with us in Nampa. Kent came to do an 8-hour safety seminar for us called Inside Out. It focuses on recognizing how the way we are on the inside can affect our performance as pilots, mechanics, and even drivers. Fatigue, stress, lack of sleep, and relationship issues are just some of the things we studied. We all recognized the pressure and stress our team has been under lately, and it was good to chat it out and look for solutions to relieve them.

- ***Thank the Lord with us that Kent passed his pilot validation test! Not a small accomplishment!***
- ***Praise the Lord for the Grants that are here to carry a big burden of the work***
- ***Please pray that we'll continue to find helpful ways to relieve stress and pressure, both short term and long term***

## **FAMILY UPDATE**

Karina and Robbie continue to enjoy their new home and have completed some improvement projects. Robbie was able to buy a motorbike to help with transportation. Karina is still working at the animal hospital, getting more experienced and skilled.

Sylvia started a new job! She moved from SADA Systems to Floqast, a company that specializes in closing companies' monthly accounts. She will be the new marketing director for them. This is a big step up in responsibilities, but she is excited about the opportunity for professional growth. Since Floqast is in the next city over, she won't have to move.

Thomas has spent considerable time applying for internships for the summer. He is finding that making cold contacts is not very productive. For his spring break, Thomas spent a week at The Master's Mission in North Carolina, the mission organization that Robbie's parents direct. He enjoyed the outdoor work of cutting wood and spending time with Robbie's family.



Annie celebrated her 6<sup>th</sup> birthday this month! The long-anticipated day of her birthday party finally arrived! It was complete with decorations, friends, games, cake, candles, and presents. Around the table are Ethan, Joshua, Faira, Kayla, and Annie.

- ***God is caring for our children in wonderful ways***
- ***Please pray for each one to grow in grace and faith***

"However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me – the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace..." "Why are you weeping and breaking my heart? I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." (Acts 20:24, 21:13) Recently, four Wycliffe Associates translators in a Middle East country were murdered as they were in the process of translating the Word of God. They finished their race and completed their task. Did this stop the work? No, those left behind are doubling their efforts to keep translating the gospel of God's grace. How very inspiring and challenging!

Thank you for carrying our burdens with us and praying for us!

Gerd, for the LePoidevins

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