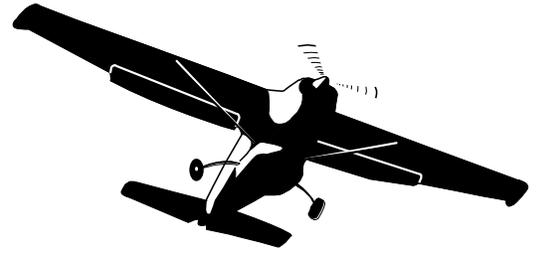


# Mission Aviation Fellowship

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## LePoidevin Prayer Release

Happy New Year, Family and Friends,

### COOKIE DAY AT THE AIRPORT

DECEMBER 2016

Our second annual Airport Cookie Day took place the week before Christmas. This year we prepared plates of cookies for every office/department/organization at the airport, plus one for each of our hangar workers, which translated into 33 plates. Five of us baked dozens of different cookies and brought them to the hangar, where we assembled a variety on each plate. Finally, we wrapped the plates in plastic wrap and tied them with a ribbon. The bakers in the picture are left to right: Amy, Nikki, Holly, Gerd, and Evone (wife of our administrator, Diniz).



The rest of the morning was spent delivering the plates of cookies along with some soft drinks, an Ambassador Aviation calendar, and a letter with the Christmas story printed on it. Open doors and smiles welcomed us as we greeted everyone with a song and Christmas wishes. It was a sweaty job in the hot sun, but well worth the effort. After everything was delivered, we cooled off in the hangar with snack food brought by Evone and Diniz.

- ***Thank the Lord for this opportunity to bless all the people working at the airport.***
- ***Also, thank Him for the great relationship we have with the airport authorities.***
- ***Please pray that we would be clear witnesses of Jesus to the people we interact with there.***

### CHRISTMAS IN MOZAMBIQUE

No family or friends came from afar to visit us this Christmas, but we enjoyed some great times as a small family and with friends. Christmas Eve day is our Norwegian Christmas Day, and one of our traditions is to eat rice porridge with a hidden almond in one of the bowls. The Brown family from South Africa joined us, their first time to take part in this cultural experience.

☺ Their daughter, Faira (pronounced like "Sarah"), is in Annie's class and is one of her friends. Surprisingly, Gerd was the one that found the almond in her bowl of rice pudding! Her prize was the traditional marzipan pig, which is so sweet and rich that she shared it with the rest of the group.



In the evening, we had Norwegian meat cakes in gravy, with potatoes, vegetables, and even sauerkraut from Norway. Yummy!

The day finished with opening the gifts. Annie got some books, games, and a stuffed Peppa Pig toy. She does like stuffed animals. In the picture, Dave and Annie are co-reading a "Frog and Toad" book that she received (Dave in his new cap and T-shirt).



Christmas Day was relaxing and mostly spent staying cool in the living room with the AC on. One of our MAF families, the Naces, along with their visiting family member, came in the afternoon to swim and BBQ.

- ***How blessed we are to be able to celebrate the real reason for the season!***
- ***Pray that more and more people here will have open hearts and minds to receive Jesus as their Savior, the only salvation there is.***

### **FAMILY UPDATE**

Robbie is doing well, staying very fit and producing some beautiful pottery. Karina had a couple of days off around Christmas, and Robbie's parents and sister came to visit while Thomas was there. They all enjoyed their time together.

Sylvia continues to work long hours, sometimes with a couple of consultants, enjoying the work and the good results she sees. She is hoping to soon hire someone to help take some of the load. Her Christmas was spent with friends who also did not get a chance to spend it with family.

Thomas ended the semester well, continuing in his engineering job during his school break. Besides visiting Karina and Robbie for Christmas, he was also blessed to attend the Passion Conference in Atlanta. He ended the year by sending in the whole 27-page application package to the Norwegian Embassy, an application to keep his Norwegian citizenship after turning 22 in May.

Annie is enjoying her school break; the only hard part is not seeing her friends every day. ☺ Annie has a knack for picking out the right present for people. Sure enough, when she and Dave went shopping for a Christmas present for me, she decided on a set of four coffee mugs with an African animal design. I like them! ☺



- ***Praise God that Robbie is doing so well!***
- ***Please pray for a wise and helpful co-worker for Sylvia***
- ***Would you pray that Thomas' application will be accepted and he can keep his Norwegian citizenship?***
- ***Please pray that Annie and all the other students will be ready to continue with their second term in January.***

2016 is history (His Story), and 2017 is before us. 2016 brought several significant changes to our ministry here in Mozambique: new staff, new airplane, new hangar (technically in late 2015, but the first full year of using it was 2016), a new operating basis in the country (a registered business rather than an organization, though tied closely to MAF), and new medical outreach projects in the works. Most of these changes has required a lot of work to implement and adjust to, but we are already seeing the fruit of them. And we are confident that more will be seen in 2017!

Thank you for praying us through 2016! Please pray that we will have more opportunities to showcase God's love for the people of Mozambique in this coming year!

Gerd, for the LePoidevins

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