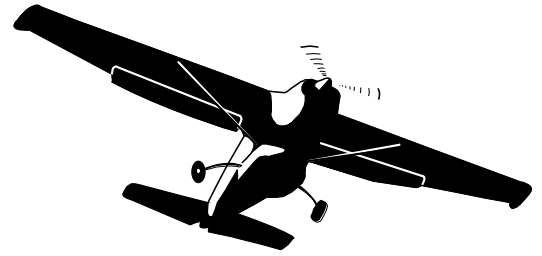


# Mission Aviation Fellowship

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## LePoidevin Prayer Release

Dear Praying Family and Friends,

### NIASSA MEDICAL FLIGHT

Once again, we were able to take a team of medical personnel to Niassa to visit the three clinics we currently serve. The Mozambican doctor (his first time to join MAF and Estrela da Mañha) and nurse spent two days treating people for various sicknesses and injuries. The Dutch nurse and his assistant (from Estrela da Mañha) gave a community health/sanitation lesson to a group of village volunteers selected by the chief. On their return flight, they brought with them a young girl and her parents. The girl had a wound on her leg that would not heal. She was in need of IV antibiotics, but there was none to be had anywhere nearby. The girl has been treated at the provincial hospital in Nampula and is doing much better. We will hopefully be able to take her and her parents back to her village next week.



- ***Thank the Lord with us for another successful medical flight!***
- ***Please pray that the girl will heal completely by next week, and that she and her parents will come to know God's love for them***
- ***Please continue to pray for the resources needed to continue these flights***

### AUDIT

At the end of May, we hosted four officials from the Mozambique Civil Aviation Authority. They came to audit our flight and maintenance operations. An approved flight operation in the country is called the Air Operator Certificate (AOC), and the same for the maintenance is an Approved Maintenance Organization (AMO). The audit went really well! It was a lot of work preparing for it, and stressful to be "on" for 3 ½ days, with the officials going through everything looking for mistakes or missing documentation. Nevertheless, in the end the officials were quite satisfied. Just like at the last audit, they said Ambassador Aviation is the air operator in Mozambique that is most compliant and organized. All the work throughout the year of keeping it that way means we have a good working relationship with Civil Aviation, with reciprocal respect.



This was shown in a practical way when two of the officials went along on a flight. Our colleague flew to pick up a potential linguistics missionary family after their visit with SIL missionaries. A truck full of police came charging onto the airstrip with the intention of harassing the pilot. The two officials from the government took charge and basically told the police to get out of there. Not only did that save the pilot from the stress of having to deal with the police, but it also showed the officials what we as an operator have to deal with at times.

The picture shows four of our six pilots currently here (from the left: Kent #2, Dave #4, Grady #6, Steve #9), two of our employees (#1 and 7), and the four Civil Aviation officials #3, 5, 8, and 10).

- ***Praise God for a successful audit with mostly minor corrections to be made!***
- ***Please pray for the necessary resources to keep the AOC and AMO in good order***

## CAPE TOWN

Dave, Annie, and I traveled to Cape Town at the end of April to attend the Africa Managers' Conference the first week of May. While Annie enjoyed exploring and playing with some other MAF kids and their caretaker, Dave and I, along with our administrator, Diniz, and his wife, Ivone, participated in meetings related to planning for next year, finances, member care, safety, etc. A South African ministry couple led us in worship and Bible teaching. It was a great time to connect with other managers around the MAF world in Africa and the headquarters' representatives for the various departments that came to share presentations. We were particularly blessed to have two MAF presidents with us for part of the time! One was the outgoing president, the other one the incoming one. They shared experiences from the past, and hopes and plans for the future. The changeover will happen in July. We had a time of praying for both of them (see picture).



- ***Praise God with us for a great conference***
- ***Please pray for the Holy Spirit to continue to fill and guide MAF's executive leadership***

## FAMILY UPDATE



Robbie and Karina made a trip to the Chattanooga Lookout Mountain together with Robbie's family to celebrate Robbie's birthday and Mother's Day. They had a wonderful trip!

On her time off, Sylvia enjoys exploring northern California. She recently visited the Avenue of the Giants.

Plans are coming along well for Thomas this summer. God opened the doors for him to first visit Karina and Robbie for a few days, then hopefully come for almost one month to

Mozambique to visit us ☺, then go to Asia for a vision trip. After his travels, he will start his new job in west-central Illinois mid-August.

Annie has a bit of Karina's "love for animals" streak in her. Recently, we had a mice/rat problem in our kitchen and pantry. We finally caught four mice in a type of sticky trap. I put out the traps on the kitchen floor so Annie could see them. The mice were still alive in the traps. Annie was quite upset that I had to kill these cute little mice, and afterwards she refused to step on the floor tile squares where I had put the traps down for her to look at them. ☺



- ***We thank the Lord that God is working in our kids, and that they are doing well***
- ***Please pray for Thomas' travels this summer, for God to do His work through him***
- ***We are grateful we were able to catch the mice; haven't seen any since those four ☺***

A convicting quote from the Beth Moore Bible study workbook we are going through this term (about the life and ministry of Saul/Paul): "The law became his god. That's what happens when you take the love out of obedience. The result is law. Without love for God and His Word, we're just trying to be good."

*Please pray that our love for God and His Word would increase and spill over into every area of our life.*

Gerd, for the LePoidevins

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