

# Mission Aviation Fellowship

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## LePoidevin Prayer Release

Dear Family and Friends,

### MOZAMBIQUE UPDATE

MAY 2015

Yet another significant step forward: Our Cessna 206 is now officially registered in Mozambique! Instead of being N206CE, it is now C9-AAL, and it can take to the skies again (airplanes with an N in front means it's registered in the US; those with a C9 in front belong in Mozambique),. It was painted with the new MAF scheme earlier this year, so it is a very pretty bird to fly. ☺ We are grateful to have that plane serving the Mozambicans once again.

The work visa for the Simpsons, the newest family scheduled to join us in Mozambique in June, has just come through! We are looking forward to welcoming them to Nampula within the next couple of weeks. ☺

There seems to be a solution to the foreigner/national ratio for Ambassador Aviation. The requirement is that we hire 10 nationals for each foreign worker, something that would be impossible for us to fulfill. But, we can pay a "penalty" for not hiring that many, and it seems to be a reasonable amount. At least, it will allow us to operate with less than the requirement

- **Thank the Lord with us for helping us move forward in the licensing process!**
- **Please pray for the Simpsons as they transition from Portugal to Mozambique**

### FURLOUGH TIDBITS

"Dodge the bugs, if you can." These were my instructions as I headed out for one last trip to the thrift store. We had just put our furlough car up for sale, and Dave had spent some time making the car look really clean and shiny. But being in Minnesota in spring, on a warm and sunny day.... Of course, I knew he was joking. ☺



Backing up to the beginning of the month, it started out with a special event: Sylvia's graduation from Azusa Pacific University in California! Sitting through 1.5 hours of names being read, and students crossing the stage to receive their diplomas, was rather tiring, but it sure was fun to be able to stand up and cheer for the one we waited for. ☺

Besides spending time with Sylvia amidst her busy schedule, we were able to visit several supporters and one church. We are so blessed to have such wonderful team members standing with us in the ministry in Mozambique! It really is a partnership - - - we are doing it together.

While Dave, Sylvia, and Annie enjoyed a fun day at Disneyland (thanks to friends who had friends who work there, who gave us free tickets!), I was on an airplane bound for Kentucky. Actually, it went to Knoxville, Tennessee, one of the closest larger hubs to Berea, Kentucky. Robbie's parents and sister picked me up at the airport, and we all drove to Berea to visit Karina. Robbie's family stayed a couple of days before they returned to North Carolina, and after that it was Karina and I for several days. It was wonderful! Dave and Annie spent five days driving from California to Kentucky. It was a precious time with Karina, talking and visiting, helping and encouraging, and being able to see where she works. Robbie is still under medical care and will likely be so for a while longer.



Once we returned to Minnesota, the days were spent with the last minute shopping and then packing all the suitcases, all nine of them. I find it rather amazing that, without packing anything ahead of time, what we have to pack fits just into the amount of luggage we can take with us.

In the afternoon of Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, we set foot on Mozambican soil once again and were greeted by the whole team. The first couple of days were rather overwhelming, as we had to deal with many broken things in the house (water pump, washing machine, stove, light fixtures, toilets). Both the car and the motorbike were inoperable. Also, the first morning after our return, Dave woke up with ants in his hair, and Annie spent the second day vomiting. It seems the antihistamine I gave her the night before to help her sleep did not sit well with her. And everything looked rather grimy, trashy, and dirty after clean US. But it didn't

take long before we felt we were home again, and things were just normal in the way things are normal here. ☺ And thanks to a handyman of a husband, most things were fixed and in running order within a few days.

## LOOKING AHEAD

The most significant event to happen in June is the arrival of our new colleagues, the Simpsons! Hard to believe that time has come already! MAF in Mozambique is also in the process of purchasing a property with three houses on it from another mission organization. In addition to this, we have the ongoing issues to get everything in order for our business license. Dave has his hands full after taking back the leadership role from our interim program manager.

- **Please pray for Dave with all that is on his plate and decisions he needs to make on many levels**

## FAMILY UPDATE

Karina continues to work for the animal hospital. She managed to do the IVs by herself, finally. That's not an easy thing, not even for the most experienced, so she was quite excited. ☺ The animals brought to the hospital are mostly dogs and cats, but every once in a while they treat wild animals, like a fawn and a hedgehog. Robbie's doctor seems to take a real interest in his future and well-being. We are so grateful for that!

Sylvia is no longer living the split life of a student and a worker. She has fully transitioned to her new role as a full time member of the Sada Systems team, living only a few minutes' drive from her work place. Her roommate, with whom she is sharing the apartment, has arrived, and they seem to get along well.

Thomas is nearing the end of his term in South Korea. Not every class is easy, but he has really enjoyed his time there, so much that he is going back for another term in the fall. He plans to spend the summer in Norway, working for my sister and her husband for two months. God continues to teach him about trusting and depending on Him for everything.



Annie was sad to say goodbye to her extended family in MN. She traveled well, only throwing up twice on the long trip, and both times not on an airplane. She was excited to see her best friend, Kayla, again. ☺ Getting over jet lag hasn't been easy, and we're still working on that one. The picture shows Annie playing with a neighbor girl, Zobaida.

- ***Please continue to pray for Karina and Robbie, for God to work healing and restoration in their lives***
- ***Thank the Lord with us for His grace to all our kids***

Job 28:1-11 is a fascinating account of the way people search for precious stones and minerals like gold, silver, copper, and sapphires. Even way back then they knew to look in the "farthest recesses...in the blackest darkness". Man "tunnels through the rock: his eyes see all its treasures." (How did they do that without dynamite?!) He spends enormous amounts of time and energy looking for them. "But where can wisdom be found? Where does understanding dwell?" (v. 12) Then Job goes on to list many other kinds of precious stones and minerals that cannot compare to wisdom and understanding (13-22). "God understands the way to it and he alones knows where it dwells...And he said to man, 'The fear of the Lord --- that is wisdom, and to shun evil is understanding.'" (23-28) It's easy to be dazzled by what glitters and shines, but none of that compares to wisdom and understanding.

Thank you for continuing with us on this journey with your prayers!

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