



## LePoidevin Prayer Release

**Dear Family and Friends,**

### **A MONTH LIKE THE LAST ONE**

**AUGUST 2014**

Hours flown the month of August: 0. Again. Yes, we are still grounded, and we really haven't gotten much closer to having a proper Air Operator Certificate (AOC). Dave has made a total of three trips to Maputo, the capital city, since early July. One hang-up has been the Minimum Equipment List (MEL), a document that needs to be approved before an inspection of the facilities and aircraft can happen. Each trip to Maputo produced a "Monday promise": the document would be ready the following Monday. The third "Monday promise" has come and gone, and still no approved MEL. There have been a couple of valid reasons for some delay, but it is still frustrating to keep waiting.

The agreement between MAF and an independent consultant for air operators in Mozambique, one Edmundo, is still in the process. Edmundo is keen to be hired by us, and we believe he would be an excellent help in all that it would take to get and keep an AOC.

Having sent out a special prayer request to our email recipients earlier in August, we are encouraged to persevere and continue in trust and faith in God. We certainly need Him to get us through this. We are sensing and getting hints of forces within Civil Aviation that would not want us to ever get the AOC. But with God, nothing is impossible. All that stand in the way of our AOC is His timing and will.

- **Please pray for patience and peace during this limbo/waiting time**
- **Pray for ears to hear and mind to understand what God would have us do and when**
- **Praise God that MAF's future in Mozambique does not depend on man's will**

### **MOZMED TODAY**

Doctor Pim and his family left Mozambique this month, moving to Portugal. Dr. Hanneke has also finished her service with MozMed, as did Dr. Sara, the Portuguese dentist. The Moma project, which is the one MozMed started with, is now closed. The doctor team did a survey of the area to see what impact their work has had. The report is full of details, including results of questionnaires. Here are a couple of statements from it:

*One hundred percent of the interviewed are satisfied with the performance of the Mozmed team.*

*All the people interviewed state that the presence of the Mozmed team has made a positive impression on the general health of the community.*

Changing a community's perceptions and attitudes towards health and healthy living is a long term work. But MozMed's five years in Moma has made a difference. Thank you for your part in supporting us so MAF could help with vital transportation of the MozMed team and the critically ill patients! God's love was shown!

The MozMed team now includes a nurse (Bart), a dentist (Ida), the evangelist (Joaquim), and an agriculture consultant (Victor, Ida's husband), and they continue the work in the Gurue area, driving back and forth every other week. It's very tiring but doable for the time being, before the rains come at the end of the year.

- **Praise the Lord for what He accomplished through MozMed in Moma**
- **Please pray for more doctors and other health professionals to join MozMed**

### **FURLOUGH SOON!**

Can you believe it's been four years since our last furlough started?! Annie was just a few months old at that time; she'll turn 5 years old before we return to Mozambique. Though it's stressful to uproot from our home and life here for those months, we sure do look forward to seeing you personally and to thank you for your partnership with us.

Just to give you a heads up, here is a rough draft of our travel schedule:

Oct 21:	Annie and I arrive in Norway
Nov 2:	Dave arrives in Norway, after a short visit with our colleagues in Coimbra, Portugal
Nov 2 - 20:	Time with family and supporters in Norway
Nov 21 - Dec 3:	Debriefing, medical appointments, MAF headquarters in Nampa, Idaho
Dec 3 - 9:	Time with Karina and Robbie in Kentucky, Karina's Berea College graduation
Dec 9 - Jan 14:	Christmas with family in Minnesota (including all our kids and Robbie!), visiting supporters
Jan 15 - Feb 5:	Montana
Feb 9 - 27:	Dave does training in Nampa, Idaho
Feb 28 - Mar 7:	Visiting supporters in Idaho
Mar 9 - 20:	Dave does training in Spokane, Washington
Mar 22 - 30:	Visiting supporters in Washington
Mar 31 - Apr 7:	Travel, visiting supporters through Oregon and northern California
Apr 8 - 30:	Visiting supporters in southern California
May 1 - 4:	Sylvia's graduation from Azusa Pacific University
May 5 - 7:	Travel back to Minnesota
May 8 - 24:	Wrapping up furlough
May 25:	Depart for Mozambique

If you see that we'll be in your area and you would like to get together with us, please let us know sooner than later.

- **Please pray for the many logistics to work out in regards to house, dogs, and guards while we are away**

## **FAMILY UPDATE**

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Karina and Robbie finished their internships in Georgia. Before heading back to Berea, Kentucky, to continue at Berea College, they did a road trip to attend a wedding and visit Robbie's family in North Carolina. Karina has a couple of interviews for vet assistant positions coming up.

Azusa Pacific University doesn't start their classes till early September, so Sylvia continued with her job for the Sada Systems company full time all of August. Besides working, she has found opportunities to explore both city and nature. One day she and others took a ski lift into the mountains and hiked "on top of the world".

Thomas went back to Texas mid-August, first to participate in a leadership retreat, then to attend several seminars related to his new position as a sophomore floor chaplain at LeTourneau University. He was on hand to help welcome the new freshman students, some of whom are friends from Mozambique and/or the Rift Valley Academy in Kenya, where he went to high school. He will continue his engineering studies this fall semester.

Annie likes to make up her own songs and sing them. They are often a story, and she sings them with a bit of a forced quiver in her voice. Thanks to material given by Eden Baptist Church in Minnesota, Annie can enjoy Sunday School for kids her age at the Sunday Evening English Fellowship. Mom is the teacher, and her friends, Kayla, Ethan, and Alex are also in the class.

- ***Please pray for our college kids as they adjust to a hectic school schedule again***

"We have the big problem, especially in the Western part, Europe and America... You can press the button and the light is going on. You can buy a car, it's no problem, you can... take the pills, everything. We can get everything. So our life is somehow very comfortable, and the temptation and the danger to forget God is enormous. If I get everything, why should I go to church... and pray?... I don't need God.... TV, for example, it can entertain me a whole day. [With] TV, I don't need God. But how poor it is in the end." (Austrian Maestro Manfred Honeck of the Pittsburgh Symphony) Here in Africa, we may not live as comfortably as some of you in Europe and America, but we sure do try to live as comfortably as we can. In our quest for comfort, I wonder if we really are cheating ourselves and becoming poor....

We're so grateful that you care and pray for us!

Gerd, for the LePoidevins

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