

Mission Aviation Fellowship

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LePoidevin Prayer Release

Dear Family and Friends,

SLOWLY MOVING AHEAD

OCTOBER 2014

We continue to work towards the much-hoped for Air Operator Certificate (AOC) from Mozambique's Civil Aviation Authorities. With help from our hired consultant, the second week of November has been set aside for them to perform the required inspection of our aircraft and facilities. In addition to this, we have started working on the process to import one of the aircraft to Mozambique and changing its registration from US to Mozambique registration. The team is also hoping to get going on their Mozambique pilot licenses. Dave had planned to leave for Norway via Coimbra, Portugal, (to visit our family in language studies there) the first weekend in November, but his departure has been postponed till after the inspection.

One positive interaction with Civil Aviation in October was that we received special permission to take both aircraft to South Africa, with one continuing on to Lesotho, for various work to be done to them. The one that went to MAF's base in Lesotho had an engine change, which all three pilot/mechanics did together. The other one stayed in South Africa. Both aircraft returned to Nampula by the end of October.

- **Please pray for our team to be all prepared for the inspection in November**
- **Pray for God to keep doors open and passable as we move ahead as quickly as we can**
- **Praise God that the aircraft were able to get needed work done to them in South Africa/Lesotho**

NEW DOCTOR!!

Nurse Bart Roosenburg has hosted a Dutch doctor visting Mozambique and MozMed. Dr. Nico Oudshoorn joined Bart during one of the weeks in Gurue, and Dr. Oudshoorn will join MozMed in the near future after a period of preparation.

- **Praise the Lord for calling Dr Oudshoorn!**
- **Please pray that God will prepare a smooth way for him to join MozMed**

FALL IN NORWAY

Annie and I have arrived in Norway and are enjoying fog and drizzle, with the occasional sun peeking out from behind clouds. The fall colors of yellow, red, orange, and brown decorate the wooded areas. The forest ground smells woody, cool, and moist, and it's covered in soft moss and a blanket of pine needles and dead leaves.

After having procured some clothes fit for the climate, Annie has enjoyed splashing in puddles, climbing mossy rocks, and collecting forest treasures like moss, leaves, pine needles, and even half a sheep jaw with teeth still on. ☺



Making moss decorations with Mormor
Reading with Morfar
Fall colors in Vennesla

FURLOUGH SCHEDULE

Here is an update on our schedule:

Nov 16:	Dave arrives in Norway, after a short visit with our colleagues in Coimbra, Portugal
Nov 17 - 20:	Dave's short 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 5:	Christmas with family in Minnesota (including all our kids and Robbie!)
Jan 6 – 17:	Dave does training in Kansas (Cessna Caravan maintenance)
Jan 18 – Feb 5:	Visiting supporters in Minnesota
Feb 9 – 27:	Dave does training in Nampa, Idaho (MAF related flight and maintenance)
Mar 9 – 20:	Dave does training in Spokane, Washington State (Cessna Caravan PT6 engine)
Mar 22 – Apr 1:	Visiting supporters in Montana
Apr 1 – 7:	Visiting supporters Washington State
Apr 8 – 14:	Travel through and visiting supporters in Oregon and northern California
Apr 15 – May 4:	Visiting supporters in southern California
May 1 – 2:	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

- **Please pray that Dave's extra two weeks in Mozambique will be a blessing and that his short time in Norway will be, too.**

FAMILY UPDATE

Robbie made the difficult decision to resign from his studies at the Berea College in Berea, Kentucky, and make pottery full time. He is very good at it and loves it. Karina is working hard this last semester at Berea College. She might have a job at a veterinary hospital in the area after graduation in December.

Sylvia keeps very busy with school at the Azusa Pacific University in Azusa, California. It's a challenge to balance school, work, and activities and avoid assignments piling up. The occasional mountain and beach trips help refuel her energies.

Thomas has been accepted at a university in Madrid, Spain, for his spring semester. He is moving ahead towards that plan in faith that the details will come together for it to be a reality. The group project for one of his classes is to make a robot that can bring drinks from the kitchen, carry laundry to and from the laundry room, and sweep up dry dirt from the floor. Sounds like something college guys could use. ☺

Annie is enjoying her girl cousins, Dina and June, 14 and almost 12 years old. They are very good about playing with their little cousin. When we ride in the car, she likes us to take turns singing songs we make up on the spot. Her Norwegian is coming along; she is starting to say many words regularly.

- ***Please pray that our college kids will remain strong in the face of various challenges***

One day I went to two different women's meetings in our church here in Vennesla, Norway. At both meetings we sang "What a friend we have in Jesus". Here is the second verse, so relevant to most of us: "Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged – Take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; Take it to the Lord in prayer. "

Thank you for sharing in prayer with and for us!

Gerd, for the LePoidevins

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