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LePoidevin Prayer Release

Dear Family and Friends,

INSPECTION

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The first two weeks of November, Dave and the team worked hard to prepare the planes, the office, and the hangar for the big inspection by the Mozambique Civil Aviation. Our hired consultant in Maputo, the capital city, was very helpful in getting dates settled, and the team of two representatives arrived as planned on November 12th. Three days of intense scrutiny and questioning followed, with the inspection wrapping up Friday morning. God was gracious! There was nothing to note about the airplanes; they passed without any problems. The list of "findings" for the office and hangar was long, but the items on the list were doable and should be fulfilled within a couple of weeks. A plan of compliance has been submitted to the Civil Aviation. A license to operate (our much-needed Air Operator Certificate, the AOC) could be issued shortly, if Civil Aviation would feel so inclined.

- **Praise God for an overall positive outcome of the inspection!**
- **Please pray that Civil Aviation would issue the license soon; the rainy season is very close, and roads will be much worse soon.**

FAMILY TIME IN NORWAY

With Dave two weeks delayed in arriving in Norway, he missed out on quite a few events: a family gathering to celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary and a niece's birthday, a photo presentation of our work in my home church, an interview at the Thursday Café at the same church, speaking at two different Women's Groups, and visiting with the wonderful MAF-Norway group in Oslo. We have a great group of supporters in Norway, and fortunately Dave arrived in time to enjoy visiting with some of them!



(Right) My parents with their four daughters.

(Left) My parents surrounded by eight of their 12 grandchildren. The four oldest were not able to be there.

It was exciting that Annie, after three weeks of hearing only Norwegian spoken around her, began speaking it herself!

(Right) No, this is not Annie in

Norway. During our time there we didn't see any snow, just rain. But snow greeted us in Idaho, and Annie got to enjoy it a little the day after we arrived, before the temperatures went up and it all melted away.



FURLOUGH TIDBITS

"If it starts to freak out, do something." I was in the passenger seat, and Dave was about to refuel the MAF car we were renting. The two cars we had rented so far had some kind of alarm system that we couldn't quite figure out. All we knew with this car was that the alarm seemed to go off if we left the doors open too long (which made us get out of it as fast as we could). So, as Dave got out of the car, I was to "do something" if the car "freaked out". I had no idea what I would do if that happened. Fortunately, I didn't have to figure that out, as the car behaved nicely and made no embarrassing sounds to make us look guilty. ☺

DECEMBER SCHEDULE

Here is what December looks like:

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!)

One of the first things we will try to accomplish when we arrive in Minnesota is to find a suitable car to buy for our furlough travels. We will live with Dave's parents in Eagan, MN. Thomas will join us around the middle of the month when his school break starts. The week between Christmas and New Year, Karina, Robbie, and Sylvia will come, and we get to spend that whole week together as a family!

We have acquired US phone numbers; they are listed at the bottom of the letter.

- **Please pray that we can find a car that meets our needs and fits our budget.**
- **Pray that our family week will be a rich blessing to all of us.**

FAMILY UPDATE

Karina is very glad to have a job at an animal clinic lined up after graduation from the Berea College in Berea, Kentucky! She will start in early January. She and Robbie will be moving into an off-campus apartment in December. Karina is especially pleased that they allow pets there, so she can keep her cats. 😊

Sylvia is winding down the semester at Azusa Pacific University in Azusa, California, sprinting to the finish line with added challenges of major car issues. She spent the Thanksgiving weekend with her freshmen year roommate and her family in Visalia, California.

It looks like Thomas will need to change his plans for going to Spain to study abroad, as LeTourneau University in Texas doesn't have an official agreement with the university in Madrid. LeTourneau cannot guarantee that the credits from Madrid will be accepted, nor will Thomas get the financial aid to afford going there. He is now shifting his focus to a university in South Korea. LeTourneau University has a special agreement with this university and the credits and financial aid will apply.

Annie had a rough trip traveling from Norway to Nampa, Idaho. She was airsick on every flight, in every airport, and couldn't keep anything down. On arriving in Nampa, she got a bad cold (probably because her body was so depleted after the trip). We had doctor's appointments a few days later, and the doctor found her tonsils swollen and pussy. She responded well to antibiotics and have recovered well.

- ***Please pray for God to provide for Sylvia's car needs***
- ***Please pray that the kids will be able to finish the term strong***

The first Sunday came and went. There are sights and sounds appearing to remind us that Christmas is coming. At the MAF headquarters, Christmas music is playing softly in the chapel area, and the decorations were going up just as we wrapped up our time there. What a wonderful time is coming, when we can celebrate the amazing grace gift to us! We hope you will all be able to fill this advent time with meaningful and rich activities, keeping Christ in the forefront of it all. An early Merry Christmas to you all!

We are very blessed to know that you pray for us!

Gerd, for the LePoidevins

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