

Recent Loads of blessings

★ Congo continues to stabilize. Peace continues. A few missions & NGO's are looking at moving back into Congo! This includes us!

★ As a family, we are growing closer! Daniel's English is improving daily and Emma is walking and talking!

★ Safe flying for Dave! He is now learning to fly the 208 Caravan (the bigger plane) and he is almost ready to fly solo!

★ Our first full year with our youth group has been a good year!

Imminent Loads Please pray for...

★ Peace to continue growing in Congo!

★ Our team: that we would be unified in Christ; that we would have wisdom as we evaluate moving back to Congo. Pray the Security Assessment will have positive results. (We will stay in Uganda.)

★ Us, as we are very far from home and still miss all y'all very much!

Email us:

davidrogers@maf.org

Visit our website:

www.maffamily.org

Write us in Africa:

Dave & Amy Rogers
c/o MAF, Box 1
Kampala, Uganda, Africa

Mission Aviation Fellowship
P.O. Box 47

Nampa, ID 83653
1-800-FLYS-MAF

Serving in East DRC with Mission Aviation Fellow-

Summer

The Rogers

The Loading Dock

“Blessed be the Lord, who daily loads us with benefits.” Ps. 68:19

Celebrations in Translation

The beginning of this year has seen some exciting progress in the area of Bible translation in East Congo. SIL (Summer Institute of Linguistics) is the branch of Wycliffe Bible translators that works in many countries to translate the Bible and encourage literacy. We have flown several teams of SIL translators to conferences where national translators have been working to complete the book of Luke in 3 new languages. This is the very first Scripture ever published in these languages. When the people hear the Scriptures in their language and can even read in their own mother tongue, it communicates very deeply with them. Many other projects are farther along and continuing the translation process. In the past year, we have also assisted with installing HF radio, e-mail, computer systems and solar power to run these systems in remote locations for the SIL translators. This allows these translators to obtain professional advice from consultants.

We have also had the opportunity to fly Campus Crusade for Christ workers who came to record the JESUS film in conjunction with SIL translators. Recordings for this film have now been completed in 10 new languages. Without the airplane these teams would have had to travel over extremely poor roads for weeks at a time. The JESUS film was just recently shown in Ibambi, where they celebrated 20 years of translation work as well as the completion of the film. Often these films reach the poorest and least educated with the saving work of Christ.

COGs: God moving us, us moving oth-

A few months after arriving here, we began helping another MAF couple with a youth group in their home. It grew, and within a few months, needed to split. We took the younger group, 5th-7th grade.

COGs stands for Children of God. The kids came up with the name and motto. Many of them are MK's or their parents are in business here. We meet the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month in our home, but will take a break during summer vacation, since many of the kids go back to the States or UK with their families.

Most of this year was spent talking about faith and how our religion is different from any other because it is based on faith and not works. We also talked about some of the arguments against Christianity they will come up against in the future.

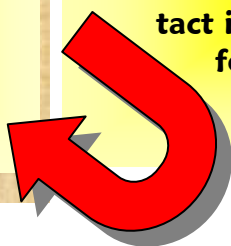
The year ended with a Video Scavenger Hunt. The kids had to do “dares” like

try on clothing of the opposite gender and model for the camera. Everyone had a great time! We also had a farewell dinner at a Chinese restaurant. Five kids will move to the older group in the fall. Two have moved to another country with their family. We will miss them!



Not sure what this game is. They have many we don't understand... one called Pinocchio??? We must be getting old.

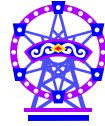
MAF has moved!
To Nampa, Idaho
Please notice the contact information for our new MAF headquarters.



Ugandan Math

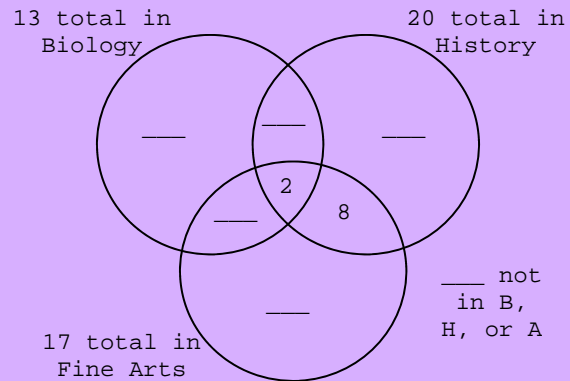
Ugandans follow a British system of school. They have Primary School, classes 1-7, and then Secondary School, classes 1-6. They have no middle or junior high school. They use different names for the years of school. Instead of grade, they say class. So, you would ask, "What class are you in?" And they would answer, "S-3" (3rd year of secondary) or "P-5" (5th year of primary). They begin numbering at kindergarten, so they're numbers are one ahead. For example, P-4 is 3rd grade and S-1 is 8th grade.

Try this math problem from an S-3 (10) student. I bet you can do it!



The Boardwalk

Fill in the missing information on the Venn diagram: There are 35 students in Senior Four. 9 students registered for both Biology and Fine Arts. 3 registered for Biology and History. (Clue: these include those registered for all 3 classes.)



Living in Africa

This time, I'd like to share a more serious side of our life here in Uganda. It revolves around the word "Mzungu" (pronounced muh-zoongoo). If you speak Swahili, then you may know that this word literally means 'a person who runs in circles.' This was the word given to the white colonists who first arrived in Africa over a century ago. Today it is still used. In most places, it is not a nice word, although you will hear children use it. Its use could be compared to the word "colored" and the way it was used in the '50s and '60s, except in this case the word was a derogatory word given to the oppressors by the oppressed.

In Uganda, though, almost everyone uses it. Instead of ma'am or sir, as we pass through the streets, both adults and children will wave and say, "Hi Mzungu!" We believe most Ugandans don't know the true meaning or the origin of the word. Swahili is not spoken by many here. Most people are being friendly when they call us "Mzungu." Unfortunately, even though they are being friendly, the word still reflects a difference in skin color. Today, Mzungu refers to a white person or a rich, white person, and it separates "us" from "them."

Sometimes "Mzungu" represents a prejudice. This prejudice is most often the belief that because a person is white, he is rich. And because he is rich, he is obligated to give money to whomever asks. It means that Dave and I are saints for raising 2 "African" children and we are often thanked for our "service." Sadly, people here sometimes see skin color first and then don't see past it, so they can't understand that we see our own children, not someone else's children of a different color. It is most heartbreaking when I

am introduced as someone's "Mzungu friend," instead of just their friend.

Most often, though, people have good intentions. They want to care for us and help us. They want to make us feel a part of things. For example, at our church, they love that we are involved, teaching and working with the kids. Unfortunately, it makes it even more special that we are the Mzungus who are teaching and working with the kids. Their hearts are sincere and caring, but they still see our skin color.

Prejudice is different than a stereotype. A stereotype says that because I'm a girl, I can't fix or operate something technical. Prejudice runs deeper. It speaks not to what I can or cannot do, should or should not do, but to who I am. It judges the heart of a person based on the outward appearance.

1 Samuel 16:7 is one of my favorite verses. "But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.'" It is our prayer that we will always see others with our Father's eyes... the way He sees them. And that this will then help them to see others with God's eyes.

