



FLYING FOR LIFE

in Uganda

Newsletter Hobo family

"Things don't always happen the way we planned. As we learn to trust in God's plan, we will see that He has our best interests at heart." - Dan Ellis -



Dear family and friends,,

Hereby our first newsletter from Uganda. Read more about our first experiences in Kampala, Ebola and Yenthes new school. Enjoy reading!

Wim & Marlies and Yenthe

Settling down in Kampala

A neighbouring country of South Sudan, already being familiar with Kampala and the MAF team....moving to Uganda didn't seem to be that complicated. Nevertheless, the first months after our home assignment were not easy. Moving, staying in a temporary house, a new job, a different culture, a new school and the many things that had to be arranged, took quite some energy... However, it feels like we have now settled in reasonably well, moving boxes have been unpacked and we are starting to feel a bit at home and are getting comfortable with the busy traffic and the thousands of motorcycle taxis surrounding us, transporting all kinds of freight or even whole families.



In Juba I was the eldest at a school of 24 students. Now I'm going to a school with more than 500 students. I am now in the first year of secondary school and do have a different teacher every hour. I'm already having a great time at school and we have many after school activities. A few girls my age live nearby. Outside school hours I often play with them. During the autumn holidays I was able to spend a day with dad in the cockpit! It was very nice to see a bit more of Uganda.

Greetings, Yenthe



MAF in Uganda

Despite the fact that much progress has been made in reducing poverty in Uganda, there are still areas of great need. That is why we fly every week with four aircrafts from our own airport in Kajjansi to the most remote places in the country. Wim already had a Ugandan pilot license, so he was up and running fairly quick. In the past months he has flown aid workers to the refugee settlements with South Sudanese refugees (photo left), medicines intended for the people in the northeast of DRC, ZOA staff to villages along the border with Kenya for development projects, and missionaries who had to be flown to Kampala for medical reasons.

Recently Wim was able to visit some of our partner projects together with members of the MAF NL business club, engaged entrepreneurs who structurally support the work of MAF. This time they had the opportunity to see the impact of MAF's work in Uganda and hear from missionaries how essential it is for them that MAF is available to transport them safely whenever that's needed .

Ebola

As you may have heard, there has been another Ebola outbreak in Uganda. Not as contagious as Covid, but many times more deadly.

Fortunately, there are not many infections in Kampala and only a few restrictive measures currently in place.

Marlies

How I can enjoy the delicious tropical fruits of Africa every time again: pineapples, mangoes and passion fruits!

A few times a week I visit a market at the corner of our street to buy fresh fruits and vegetables. I like having conversations with the saleswomen and supporting them with my purchases. Many local people are having a hard time due to the sharp rise in food prices.

Together with a few other mothers, we take turns taking the children to school. Due to the heavy traffic, this can take 1 to 1.5 hours, while it is only 5 km away. When it rains it can take 2.5 hours to get home! Now that everything in and around the house has been organised a bit, I look forward to take on some other projects as well. That's why I've recently visited a slum and got into contact with an organization that works among Somali refugees.



Thank for:

- School and friends for Yenthe
- Starting to feel at home
- Good health
- Safe flights

Pray for:

- Energy for all three and full recovery for Wim
- Clarity on a ministry for Marlies
- An end to the Ebola outbreak



From our Support Team

We're planning to have another canoe sponsor event in the spring. Keep an eye on our site www.paddleforlife.nl for dates and for signing up!

The new postal address of Wim & Marlies and Yenthe is:
Mission Aviation Fellowship, Hobo family, P.O. Box 1, Kampala, Uganda

