



Congo Connection



November--Encircling our new East DRC Cessna 208 Grand Caravan, giving thanks and dedicating it for God's Glory and Service.



A Caravan Full of JOY! Dedication flight with Nyankunde village chiefs, church and hospital leaders.



Christmas Greetings from the Jacobssons!

As we near the final weeks of 2021, we have much to be grateful for. We especially thank God for you and your faithful partnership and prayers! It is a privilege to serve the Lord Jesus in this MAF ministry with you! Each morning, we experience anew His fresh strength, all-sufficient grace, and deep peace. *Emmanuel--God with us.*

Several times a week, we hear reports of more rebel militia atrocities in our region or on the outskirts of Bunia. The number of displaced people (IDPs) grows. The despair, suffering, losses and traumas that people are experiencing feel overwhelming and hopeless. **YETGod invites us, "Trust me."** We know God is at

work . *He daily invites us to continue to be here and join Him.* He is worthy of our trust. We want to persevere in the opportunities He gives to show His love, bringing hope and healing through aviation ministry and by simply being present and in community, doing "the next thing" He asks. Thank you for your prayers and standing with us.



MAF Chaplain Bisoke, trauma counselors and sewing teachers at Kalomani IDP Camp, Bunia.



Dave with a special co-pilot —son of SIL missionaries. Dave flew their family to an SIL team conference.



Picking up a Swiss surgical team after a week of goiter surgeries in Nebobongo.



When You Talk to the Father...

** Give Thanks for the arrival of our new aircraft "9S-EMA" and for the return of long-time co-workers, Lary and Sheryl Strietzel from furlough.

**Give thanks! We were overwhelmed by God's tender care for Nyankunde loved ones through the generous giving of His people to help them start their lives again. The population fled the fighting last April and the entire village was then systematically looted. What a privilege to deliver several loads of critical household items such as mattresses, basins, cooking pots, cups, dishes, bed sheets, etc. We've been able to help our MAF national staff families, church pastors and elders, widows and other vulnerable people.

** IDP Camp Outreach: Pray for the unique outreach in 3 Bunia IDP Camps (Internally Displaced People) that our East DRC team has been privileged to be a part of in recent years. There are over 4 million IDPs throughout eastern Congo and numbers continue to swell in our region. We will share more in our next letter but pray for our team of 6 locally hired trauma counselors and 6 sewing teachers who minister to over 200 vulnerable women through a vocational sewing program giving new hope in their difficult circumstances.

** Watch this short video made by MAF pilot Garth Pedersen who helped us last May after our Nyankunde evacuation. It gives an overview of MAF Congo's vital ministry, including the IDP Camps:

<https://tinyurl.com/Congo2021v01>

** Pray for our Father's wisdom, peace, joy and provision as we adjust to needing to stay in Bunia longer-term due to the serious ongoing regional insecurity. Pray for housing near one another and vehicle needs as we prepare for two more pilot families to join our East DRC team soon.



We are so blessed by our dedicated MAF team! Pictured is part of our Bunia team - airport and office staff, pilots (missing one pilot and two wives!) and our director, Solo, who visited in November. Our office staff managed to surprise Dave with a special cake and party for his 60th! What a joy to serve together!



Andrew and Megan - Engaged, July 2021

We are excited to share that our family is growing! **Andrew asked his beloved, Megan Plott**, to marry him and she said "Yes!" They are planning a **June wedding in 2022!** We were delighted to meet Megan and her parents last June during our Idaho visit. Andrew, a junior at Boise State University is continuing his studies in Computer Science. Megan is a Certified Nurse Assistant, planning to study nursing (BSN) at Boise State University. We look forward to Andrew coming home soon to Congo for Christmas, visiting us in Bunia during his break.

Matthew and Annaliese continue in Tacoma, WA with Matt now in his 2nd year of General Surgery Residency. Annaliese is thriving in her work as a mental health/trauma counselor. They are hoping to come for a visit to Congo in February 2022 as a part of Matt's surgery residency and for Anna to experience Matt's Congo roots!

Merry Christmas! Thank you for your Prayers!

In Christ's Love, Joy and Peace,

Donna and Dave



Matthew and Annaliese

