

The O'Brien Newsletter



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Congo, here we come!

Dear Family and Friends,

Where has the year gone! As our time in Senegal draws to a close, we are beyond grateful for our time spent here and the countless lessons we have learned in adapting to and living in a new place and culture. We are eagerly awaiting this next chapter as we move to Kinshasa.

We continue to press on in our language school and are rapidly nearing the end. We passed our A2 tests a few weeks ago and are continuing to feel more and more confident in our French.

We were able to make a very quick trip to the US to celebrate Tara's brother's wedding. It was a blessing to spend some time with Tara's side of the family and the trip went smoothly.

Please pray for our family as we work through this next international move. Goodbyes are never easy and there are many moving parts to this next move. Pray that we would be patient, full of grace,



Celebrating Shane and Brandy's wedding



Tara practicing French at the market with her tutor and steadfast with each other as we make preparations to move to Congo.

We thank God for His unfailing provision, and for you, our faithful prayer and financial supporters. We are currently at 100% of our support target. If you feel led to partner with us in what the Lord has called us to do, we would love to have you on our support team. When our support level is above the minimum, those funds help other MAF missionaries with support shortfalls, help cover unexpected missionary expenses, and help new missionaries get to the field faster. God is using MAF to make an eternal impact in Congo and we are so thankful to be a part of it. Thank you for partnering with us in this work!

In Christ,

Jacob, Tara, Emma, and Susan O'Brien

“ But he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”

2 Corinthians 12:9

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News from Congo

Recently, the DRC program had the privilege of working with a team of Congolese and a German missionary who have a passion for evangelism through trauma healing. Congo is a vast country about 1/3 the size of the USA and home to the 2nd largest rainforest in the world. This can be a huge challenge in reaching many isolated communities struggling with the repercussions of war and tribal conflict. With the help of our national pastor and missionary fund, we were able to partner with this team and fly them over 300 miles of jungle to the town of Punia where they spent a week doing a trauma healing and evangelism seminar. This is at the heart of the vision of MAF to see isolated people changed by the love of Christ. Thank you for your part in this mission and vision!

Marie Pascal

This is Marie Pascal. She has been our kids “nounou” (babysitter) this past year. She has been such a wonderful help to our family. Not only does she watch our kids every day during our French classes, but she has been an invaluable sounding board and coach to answer all our questions we have had about living here in Dakar. It has been a joy to watch our kids interact with her in French this past year, and we will miss her dearly as we move to Kinshasa.



Prayer Requests:

- We would be living examples of Christ's undeserved favor.
- We would be diligent to learn French well in our last few weeks in Dakar.
- For the logistics surrounding our move to the DRC.
- The Lord would give us divine appointments during language school in Senegal!

Praises:

- We scored well on our French A2 tests!
- We were able to attend Tara's brother's wedding.
- Our team has a house ready for us to move into when we arrive in Kinshasa!



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