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ENGINE CHANGE

Every so often the engines on our aircraft need to be overhauled. At the end of January, Stan and the team did that scheduled engine change on our Caravan. But then, in the space of two months had to repeat that task twice!!!

After just a week of flying with the new engine, the starter/generator failed. That unit showed signs of electrical discharge over the drive splines. A high discharge thru the engine has the potential to cause

serious damage and the manufacturer requires that the engine be returned for inspection. Since the old engine had not been sent out yet, it was decided to reinstall it. Reports reveal that one engine with this type of damage failed after just 18 hours of operation. The pictures you see below are that second engine change in progress, outside at the airport of Bunia in East Congo.

After further investigation and checks we were able to determine that the electrical discharge on that starter/generator had not occurred in our engine. Instead, the signs we saw

were left over from a previous failure but were not removed at overhaul. So later in mid-March, back in our hangar in Uganda, it was "out with the old and in with the new".....again! A lot of work each time the engine is changed, as many parts need to be transferred. All the systems need to be connected and checked for proper function, but better "safe than sorry."

LRA IN DUNGU

The Lord's Resistance Army (LRA), a Ugandan rebel group, has now been chased from Uganda to Sudan, and now into East Congo. They have already been on the run for years, but in December they moved into the area around Dungu, a place in the Northern part of East Congo. All who are in their path know the LRA for their brutal killing, raping, stealing, and general disregard for others. MAF has flown some medivacs, to help the injured, and evacuated many to safety.

MAF has also helped fly in supplies (food, blankets, medicines). However, the area being terrorized is vast and the aid agency (Doctors Without Borders) has had to pull out of the area. We ask your prayers for the many innocent people in the area, as the LRA is still wreaking merciless havoc.





NYANKUNDE REBUILD

In the early part of March, we were blessed to have 4 men from a church in Idaho come to Congo, to restore two of the family houses at Nyankunde. It is still the desire for our Program to one day return and live at Nyankunde. It would be much easier to do the work we have in Congo if we could all live at Nyankunde. This would also be an encouragement to the community, to have MAF back there!

These men were able to nearly complete one house. We thank John, Keith, Tom, and Brian for coming and helping us get one step closer to our goal!

ONLY IN AFRICA

Once in awhile we are able to take a break, drive out of the city to see some of the beauty and wildlife of Uganda. This trip was to Lake Mburo, just 3 hours outside Kampala. As we arrived at the Game Reserve, we stopped at the entrance to pay the entry fees. There is a price for foreign visitors, a price for foreign

residents who are non-Ugandan (like us), and a price for Ugandans. As usual, Pam stayed in the car while Stan went to pay. Stan told the man we are two residents and proceeded to give him the money required. Every other time the man would smile, take the money, and issue the customary receipt. This time was



different; he looked out at the car and asked, "Who is that in the car?"

Stan replied, "She my wife."

"How do I know she lives with you?" He challenged.

Stan looked at him in bewilderment, "She is my wife. We have been living and working in Uganda for 13 years."

"Well," he countered, "I have a wife but she is not with me. How do I know your wife lives with you?"

After a lengthy discussion, Stan was able to convince him that Pam was indeed his wife and that we did live together in Uganda. There is a key, cultural consideration with all this. It is not uncommon for a man to go far away from his family to go to school, or to find work. So culturally speaking, his question was not all that far-fetched, "Only in Africa?"

FAMILY

We are blessed with such wonderful children, and continue to ask your prayers for them as they are far from us. Charla is doing well with SIL in Chad. She just finished a survey trip that she says was a wonderful experience. Joey, Suzanne, Brooke, and Chad have challenges in Bunia, with lack of water and electricity, and are very busy with the work they do there for MAF. Kevin graduates soon from Purdue University, and looks forward to his new job at GE, starting the end of June. Kyle is facing many challenges being an MK in college, but enjoys his studies in Psychology and Theater. We covet your prayers on their behalf!

In Christ,

Stan and Pam Lincoln

We are very grateful to so many of you who are part of our support team. We know that if it were not for all of you, we would not be able to continue our work here in Africa. The situation has come up where our ministry support has dropped some. Added to that, MAF has required we increase our monthly level. It is humbling for us, but we ask that if any of you would consider increasing, or others becoming a part of our support team, we would be grateful. Please pray we are able to meet what MAF requires for our monthly ministry support. Thanks again for all you do!!

