



There are times when I awaken in the middle of the night with an impression to write something down. I keep a night journal by my bed for these occasions and for those dreams that seem to be messages coming from God.

December 10, I wrote, "*Build the foundation first. Make sure it is properly prepared before building on it.*" In the morning I had not remembered what I had written, only that there was something (which is often the case unless it is close to the sun rising, my alarm clock).

As I meditated on these words during the day, asking God to clearly reveal what He was saying to me, it seemed probable that it was in reference to starting up the MAF Lubumbashi base again, after being closed for eight years. Later, Dan agreed with my interpretation.

We set aside time that next Sunday with the boys to pray around the outside of our yard as well as walking around the walls, and burying small pieces of paper on which were scriptures of protection, blessing, consecration, and dedication for the ministry to which we believe God is calling us.

Around that time I read in Isaiah 28:16-17, "*Behold, I am the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion, a stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation. Whoever believes will not be in haste. And I will make justice the line, and righteousness the plumb.*" We affirmed our desire to have the work here founded on justice and righteousness.



There has been much work around our MAF house after being occupied by an elderly couple, who were working with a team on finishing a complete Bible translation. It's more challenging for *seven* people to function without a working washer and dryer, cooking on charcoal, and bottles and barrels filled with water in the house. Dan has been one busy man!

We still have 3 more days before we can put water in our newly constructed water tower. The foundation must be cured and strong before it can bear the weight. Today we are completely out of water!

Within a few days of arriving here in November (now you know why you didn't get a prayer letter this fall. Phew! What a job to pack up a house of nine!), Dan began praying that God would bring just the right people across his path to start getting our house, the MAF office and legal work, and the hangar in order. It's not finished yet, but close. We have loved watching how God orchestrates our days. We are laying the foundation of important relationships as well.

Airplane? Oh yes,....well, it's a long story. The Madagascar Caravan is coming ... sometime. Pray for the inspection going on right now, and then for importation into Congo, beginning in January. By mid-January, Dan should at least be flying a 206 (but it needs a new engine changed in Uganda first). ;-)



Thank you for your prayers.
Merry Christmas and Happy
New Year!

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Benjamin, Desiree, Lyle, (home
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