



News from your MAF Missionaries, Greg and Ruth Heller, Democratic Republic of Congo

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6

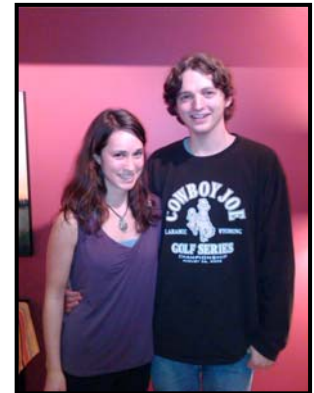
Christmas 2009

Dear Friends, Family, and Loved-Ones,

Wow, it is hard to believe that another year is just about over! But we are definitely looking forward to the celebrations, and the time to be together once again as a family.

Speaking of family, we have some news – our family is expanding! No, I am not talking about my waist, though that is unfortunately true ... but Ben and his girlfriend, Kayti, have recently announced their plan to be married in July!

Kayti is a classmate of Ben’s at Seattle Pacific University. She and Ben are both seniors, and music majors. We look forward to meeting Kayti for the first time this month; in the meantime, here is a photo of the happy couple. I am sure they would appreciate your prayers as they make plans for this next step in their lives.



On the MAF ministry front, we have had some challenges recently, as well as some victories. I thank you for your prayers as we have been dealing with some government related issues. There is still much to be done, but we are encouraged by the progress.

In the next couple of months we hope to gain two “new” airplanes. The first, a Cessna Caravan, is a 10-passenger turboprop, similar to the one we already have. It is our most cost-efficient airplane, as it burns jet fuel, which is 1/3 the cost of the avgas, which three of our other airplanes require. This Caravan is destined for Lubumbashi, where we lived the first 7 years of our time in Congo. The second aircraft is a new one for MAF, a diesel powered Cessna 182. We are hopeful this aircraft will prove cost-effective for trips where the larger airplanes are not really needed. Both of these are part of our effort to provide cost-effective transportation to God’s people. That sounds like a great Christmas present to me.

Ruth and I would like to wish you and your families a joyous Christmas this year. We thank you for the part you have had in our lives, as we serve the Lord and His people in the Congo. May you also be richly blessed in the New Year.

In His Service,

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