



Writebols' Writings



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Maintenance and a Medical Flight

It's not everyday I get to see firsthand how my work here plays a role in the lives of the Congolese. It takes a team of us to keep things going. Since flight loads have been very heavy, my role as Maintenance Specialist grew heavier, too, as the airplanes come due for inspections more often. A few weeks ago, when one of our Cessna 206's came due, I was thankful that no new parts or extra paperwork was required. Good thing, too. The morning after I completed the 4-day inspection, the flight scheduler received a call for a possible medical evacuation. Early the next morning the pilot, using the freshly inspected airplane, picked up the short-term missionary who needed urgent medical attention. He had swallowed a tough piece of meat that became lodged in his throat. Though he could breath, he was unable to drink or even swallow saliva. This missionary, along with other Congolese missionaries, was in the bush helping to establish a Bible School for national pastors. It is stories like these that bring purpose to why MAF pilots fly airplanes, and why it's so important for me to be here, too. We couldn't serve in this needy place without the sacrifice you're also making to be a part of this team. Thank you, again, for your partnership with us!

Anna's Journal

I have been super busy the past few months! I am growing up so fast, mommy couldn't believe it this week when she had to pull out another shoe size for me; she had to do that just a couple months ago too!

The most exciting news I have to tell you is that this Spring I am going to be a big sister! Yup, that's right...the rumors are true, Mommy and Daddy are having another baby in May, one month before I turn 3! I am so excited. I am starting to practice how to take care of my new sibling with my dolly!



With love
and appreciation for you,

**Brian, Esther
and Anna**



Car Update

We're happy to let you know we purchased a Nissan truck with the gifts you sent in! We were blessed to find a car that was being sold at the American embassy that had come from the US and has been well taken care of. Thank you for helping us get this vehicle; it has been a blessing for us already.



Happy Holidays

A year ago we were finishing up a year of language school and getting ready to travel back to the US to pull the last few preparations together before coming to the field. The day we drove out of Canada, we were hit with a large snow storm and encountered several blizzards along the way that made our trip a few days longer than planned. It was easy then to believe that Christmas was right around the corner. This year as we look outside and see our tropical surroundings and experience extremely hot and humid days, it is hard to even think we are in the Christmas Season! We are feeling a little homesick for family as we draw closer to the holidays and realize this is our first Christmas without any other family members. We are looking forward to starting some of our own family traditions and teaching Anna about the whole purpose and meaning of Christmas. We hope you have a blessed Christmas with your loved ones and that in the midst of the busyness of the season you have time to remember the reason for the season! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each of you!

