



MISSION AVIATION

NEWS FROM THE HILDEBRANDTS

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*“For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
 so are my ways higher than your ways
 and my thoughts than your thoughts.
 For as the rain and the snow come down from
 heaven and do not return there but water the earth,
 making it bring forth and sprout,
 giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
 it shall not return to me empty,
 but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
 and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.”
 Isaiah 55: 9-11*

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your prayers and ongoing support over the past few months as we’ve shifted to a somewhat new direction in ministry! During most of February and March, I (Kalvin), was involved in online and in-person training sessions with MAF International. Because we had been serving outside

the African context for nearly a decade, it was necessary to retrain with the various departments of MAF that manage all the overseas programs. It was encouraging to reconnect with people we had served alongside years ago and be reminded of what is happening globally in the ministry!



Working alongside some of our former teammates

On March 24, I departed for the Uganda MAF program where I spent 2 weeks training on the Cessna Caravan. Although I had flown this type of aircraft during our years in Chad, much of the instrumentation and navigational equipment had since been changed or updated which required relearning. As part of the training, I carried out several ministry flights within Uganda and had the privilege of seeing some of the ministries that their program supports.

Ministry in Chad

Upon completion in Uganda, I travelled on to Chad. Arriving in N’Djamena felt like coming home as I stepped off the plane to 43°C temperatures and



The traditional communal Friday lunch with the Chad team

the familiar sound of French and Arabic being spoken all around me. It was strange however to be arriving there without the rest of our family, even though I knew they were excited and cheering me on from Canada. As I made my way around the city and travelled to various towns, I was constantly surprised by merchants in the local shops or authorities at different airports who still recognized me after nine years away, and asked where we had gone. It was humbling to be so warmly welcomed!

I was asked to carry out a number of flights that reminded me why the airplane is so valuable in supporting missionaries and local pastors who reach out to the farthest corners of their country!

Several flights brought pastors and boxes of Bibles to refugee camps along the Sudan border where they carried out Bible literacy training among refugees. These are refugees who have been displaced from their homes in Sudan by years of fighting and genocide. Other flights carried foreign missionaries involved in Bible translation and church planting efforts into areas traditionally 'closed' to the Gospel. We were also called on to do several medical flights that transported a surgical team. They performed 70 cataract surgeries as well and picked up a missionary family that had several family members in need of serious medical attention. As I watched these servants of Christ work in incredibly challenging situations, I felt convicted again about how much easier my life is back in Canada where we have so much and yet I still find it so easy to complain!

Ministry back at PATC

Since returning from Africa in late April, I have been working back in the MAF training program at Prairie Bible Institute. After five years of serving as Director of the flight school, it is an adjustment as well as a huge privilege to be back in the airplane and classroom instructing students again.



New Student Orientation at PATC

We have just welcomed a new group of students who come from various provinces of Canada, as well as from Bermuda, the Dominican Republic, and Germany. They are settling in to their new routine and are eager to learn how to fly, while exploring where God may be leading them in their future service. I'm excited for the opportunity to serve our students, and would appreciate your prayers as Christ works in them over the next 18 months they have with us. Above all, our prayer is that they grow in their knowledge and love of the Saviour!



Student learning in the simulator how to deal with cross-winds while flying

In Christ,

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