

Lehmans' Log

Cape Town, South Africa

In May I [Steve] attended MAF's Africa Managers' Conference. MAF managers and spouses from Congo, Mozambique and Lesotho were present at Monkey Valley (a conference center) in Cape Town, South Africa. My part was to explain MAF's Safety and Quality process – Find It, Fix It, Check It. As an example, "it" can be a hazard, like bushes growing too close to an airstrip that might catch the wing of an airplane landing or taking off. The hazard is identified and reported (Find it), the bushes are cut back (Fix it), and four months later, someone determines if the bushes have again become a hazard (Check it). It takes diligence on everyone's part to keep safety a priority in all that we do.



We took a break from the conference to go to Table Mountain. What a view!

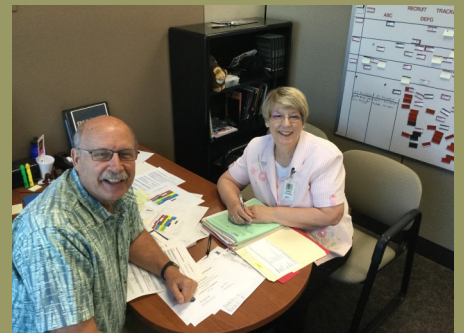


Mobilization



At the end of June, the Mobilization department gathered together for our bi-annual meeting. It is a wonderful time of brainstorming, discussing topics and issues crucial to what we do, and simply enjoying fellowship that strengthens our team. This time many of the spouses joined us due to a retirement celebration. Ron Hilbrands, our Manager of Mobilization, will retire from MAF this coming August. He and his wife, Nancy, have served with MAF for 36 years. I [Carol] have worked for and with him for 20 years and have counted it a great privilege as we have grown in our

respective roles as manager and administrative assistant. We ask that you join us in prayer that we find a replacement to fill this vital role. Leadership has searched for over a year and still a new manager has not been found. We trust the Lord to provide in His timing. In the meantime, his responsibilities are divided amongst our team members.



Abigail

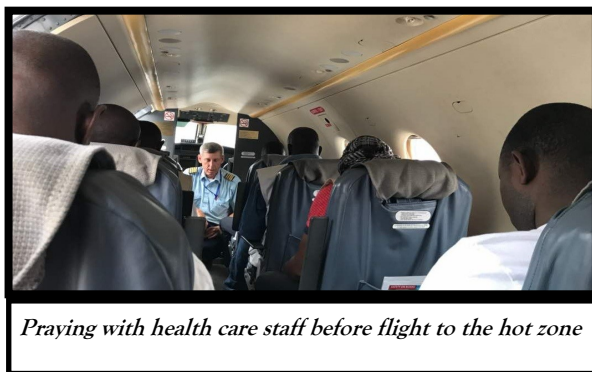
We're thankful that surgeons successfully re-implanted the Cochlear device in our granddaughter Abigail's left ear. They had removed it several months ago due to an infection. She now has an implant on both sides and shows signs of hearing! The headband keeps the external parts of the Cochlear implants in place while Abigail runs and plays. Many of you have asked about how she is doing, and we thank you for praying for her.



Battling Against Ebola — A Team Effort

The first indication of a problem came with a Sunday afternoon phone call in early May. Our MAF staff in Kinshasa heard from a medical relief organization that was investigating the possibility of an Ebola breakout. On that first flight, the closest available airstrip was 50 miles away from the site. However, in the last couple weeks, the airstrip of Ntondo (only 7 miles away) has been re-opened. This is due to the combined effort of MAF-US, MAF Switzerland and the local Congolese church. Over 165 people helped complete the rehabilitation of the old airstrip. A true blessing to be able to land closer to the outbreak.

Our mission is to *share the love of Jesus Christ through aviation and technology so that isolated people may be physically and spiritually transformed.* When we study the record of Jesus' ministry, we see that he addressed the pressing spiritual and physical needs of the day. Leprosy was perhaps that day's Ebola at least in the level of dread and fear the disease caused. The Gospels record how Jesus clearly showed compassion on those afflicted with the disease by touching and healing them.



Praying with health care staff before flight to the hot zone

This was Congo's 9th recorded outbreak, so the doctors and organizations here are more experienced than they'd like to be in combatting Ebola. We have been doing almost daily flights to the area, flying medical staff, logistics people, and supplies. We pray for them before the flights to ask God's protection and blessing. When they get off the plane, they often shake hands and hug each other, knowing that they won't be able to do that again until their stint is over, and they are transferred back out of the afflicted area. (The virus is spread through contact with infected bodily fluids.)

As this goes to print, the outbreak seems to be winding down. Praise God!

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Thank you!

As we write this letter and share the stories, we want you to be aware of your part in them. In the body of Christ, it takes all of us working together to accomplish the ministry that the Lord entrusts to us. **Thank you** for being on our team of faithful financial and prayer supporters in the ministry of MAF!

Blessings,

Steve & Carol