

The Fuller Family Link

Looking Back on Summer and Ahead to the Future *by Owen*



VBS in Montezuma, Iowa

Wow, summer is coming to a close, and it's time to take a look at what's ahead. Our family was blessed this summer to be involved in three vacation Bible schools and a church camp. Stephanie and I always enjoy the opportunity to share with children. We like to ask them questions about their lives and talk to them about what life is like for Congolese kids. It can be difficult to explain to elementary school students how MAF uses aviation and technology to share Christ with people in D.R. Congo, but I think they understand the basics. The times we share with kids remind us that ministry doesn't start when we get to Africa; we are in the midst of ministry right now!

In addition to sharing with kids this summer we've focused a lot of our time on connecting with churches. August and early September were particularly busy with presentations to church congregations and mission committees. We are still praying that a couple of the churches will join our ministry partnership team.

We also had a huge response from individuals at the end of August! We had an important goal of reaching 60% on our monthly ministry support by August 31st. A couple days prior to that goal we were still around \$500 short. We prayed about our need like never before during those couple of days! We experienced a wide range of emotions, but sensed God leading us to persevere and continue working hard. In the end God showed Himself faithful, and at the end of the day on the 31st our monthly support level was just over 60%. We're excited for the January semester of language school, and we are working hard to get to 100% by the end of 2011!

As I think about the future, one of the things I'm looking forward to after language school when we get to Congo is working with Alex, a Congolese guy about my age whom I met last winter. One of the ways MAF serves is through training and capacity building of nationals. MAF invested in Alex by sending him to IT training at a university in Kenya. He now works in MAF's East D.R. Congo program taking care of the basic IT tasks. On my trip I could tell how much of an asset he is to MAF and the mission community in Congo. He does a great job keeping the satellite Internet system up and running and keeping the missionaries and humanitarian agencies online in Bunia. He also knows the best places in town to buy parts for projects, and he is often able to negotiate better prices for us. He is eager to learn, and I'm really looking forward to mentoring him and sharing my technical knowledge once we get to the field.



Alex in Bunia

SEP 2011

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The Deputation Trail



Summer 2010

Join MAF

Begin Deputation



August 2011

60% goal reached



Late Sep/Early Oct 2011

Omaha to Joplin and places in between. We'll be visiting campus groups, individuals, and churches in NE, KS, and MO.



Mid/Late Oct 2011

We'll connect with small groups and individuals in Iowa, as well as following up with those we made on our trip.

Nov/Dec 2011

100% Supported



January 2012

Language School



Mid-September we hit the road again as we share in eastern NE/KS and western MO. If you have connections in these areas please contact us—we need your help networking! If you are part of a small group we'd love an opportunity to share at one of your meetings. Please email us!



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Prayer Requests

- Praise - the ministry is 60 percent supported!
- For many opportunities to share and many new contacts during our trip to NE, KS, and MO
- That we reach full support by December
- Safety and security for those in D.R. Congo as elections approach (November 28th)

BIRTHDAYS: Macy - AUG 31st (2), Larinda - SEP 15th (5), Stephanie - OCT 5th (26)



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