

*"As for God, His way is perfect: The Lord's word is flawless; He shields all who take refuge in Him." - Psalm 18:30*

## Hello Everyone!

### Looking back on the last few months.....



Flight Camp Crew!



Briefing our flights in the fields where we parked + tented

Practicing 60° bank canyon turns

As I'm writing this next newsletter I've passed the 1 year mark since moving to the Netherlands to continue this process of joining MAF! Your support and encouragement in being a part of this journey with me is what keeps me moving forward. I'm so grateful for each of you! Here's a catch up on the past few months & what I've been keeping busy with! 😊

### Final Flight Camp: Terrain Flying...

End of August I completed the last Flight Camp required by MAF NL. We flew to Germany with 4 airplanes and covered areas such as: ridge crossings, canyon turns, MAF terrain flying procedures + emergency scenarios and low level flying through terrain. The teaching, training scenarios and evaluations were another great step in further preparing me to fly overseas with MAF. I really enjoyed how diverse our group was this time; we made up 7 different nationalities! So cool to think how God is shaping each of our steps and how we may end up being colleagues one day or crossing paths in different MAF programs in the future.

### Helping Prepare Amphib for MAF Uganda!

In September the long awaited amphibious caravan arrived at Hangar One (flying from Chile - USA - Canada). It was here for maintenance inspection + fixing some snags & for several public events sharing with local MAF supporters/donors before then flying on to Uganda. I remember when I was volunteering with MAF in Uganda, the runway flooded so bad that for a time the program was grounded and people were actually fishing & canoeing down the runway!

The need for a floatplane was a common conversation - I never thought 5 years later I would be in the Netherlands working on the floatplane bound for Uganda! It's been a huge project getting this aircraft which has taken much work from many people across the globe - exciting to see how this tool will be used to better help + connect people living on the many islands of Lake Victoria and maybe I will have the chance to fly it one day! 😊

400+ truckloads of murram being poured on the runway when I was in Uganda



Working on MAF's Amphib



## Working at Hangar One...

It's been exciting how my part time job at Hangar One has been connecting with MAF. Although it's a busy balance working at a commercial shop alongside all my MAF preparations, working here is definitely one of my biggest highlights since moving to NL. It's fun working with a team of 20 engineers & I'm enjoying learning new things from everyone. Interesting working with a large team in a busy & demanding commercial environment – I'm always surprised each week with what new projects I find myself doing & the cool conversations God opens up 😊



Volunteering at local airport event sharing about MAF



Working with 2 previous MAF engineers, we've all lived in Uganda! Hangar One is becoming quite the surprising MAF hub! 😊



Working on new MAF Caravan going to PNG



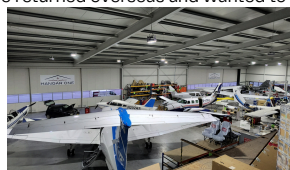
Reinstalling the ferry tanks in MAF Caravan (extra fuel tanks)

## God's Faithfulness in the Details...

In the fall I moved closer to the Teuge airport and I've been absolutely loving my new spot – so blessed to have housing which feels like home for right now & to have such awesome neighbours/roommates. Our conversations while sharing meals together has made the adjustment to life here a lot easier & with much more laughs about all the Dutch "hard" things.

Shortly before Christmas I was asked to speak at the Church I've been attending here. Wonderful having this opportunity to share about what I'm doing and my need for supporters. A challenge with the language but I managed speaking some Dutch!

Can you spot my new wheels!?! 😊 A family I worked with in Uganda gifted me their car as they have returned overseas and wanted to help me!



Unusual amount of snow (for NL) so made an igloo with my work colleagues 😊 You know it was built by engineers when it's strong enough to support a helicopter!



## Question Corner...

I want to try something new! Do you have a question you would like to ask me? Perhaps something about MAF, what I have been working on recently or about living in the Netherlands? I would love to hear any questions you might have & will answer them in my next newsletter!

Send me an email [annamarienvandermeijden@gmail.com](mailto:annamarienvandermeijden@gmail.com) or WhatsApp/Signal with your question! 😊



## Prayer Praises + Requests:

- **Thankful** for completing all 3 Flight Camps at MATC! Glad for all I learned.
- **Thankful** for how wonderful my new housing situation is & having my own car – such a tremendous blessing!
- **Thankful** for the new connections I've been making and opportunities to be an encouragement + share the light of Jesus.
- **So grateful** for the financial gifts I've been receiving which are enabling me to pursue this path with MAF. Thank you!
- **Pray** for my ongoing search for people to be a part of my TFT/Home Front Team.
- **Pray** for my EASA pilot license conversion – for the energy & time to really focus on completing this process soon.

## Continued MAF Steps...

The goal to be sent out to a field program with MAF is still hopefully end of 2026 – quite a few steps need to come together yet but I'm continuing to hold this as my aim while trusting God will continue to set my steps in His perfect ways as He so faithfully has all these years so far.

One of the biggest things that needs to happen now before I can be sent out is forming my TFT/Home Front Team – you can be praying that I find people who want to help me with this covering roles like communications with supporters, organizing presentations + fundraising ideas, & helping with planning furlough details.

Love to hear from you!

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