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TACKLING THE EBOLA CRISIS

MAF routinely partners with medical organizations and ministries dedicated to providing quality medical care to people living in isolation in the DRC. We are involved with the transportation of vaccines, blood samples, and other medical supplies used to combat the spread of Ebola. In 2018, in the months of August and September, the MAF fleet flew 21.5 hours and 3,372 nautical miles to support the efforts to contain and treat the Ebola virus in Beni, Goma, and Kisangani.

Last spring, one of the pilots in our program, Jonathan De Jongh, received a call to pick up blood samples close to home right before Easter weekend. Two children displayed Ebola-like symptoms in Kikongo, around 130 miles from Kinshasa. The tension among health workers in the community was obvious when Jonathan landed to retrieve the samples. By the grace of God, the samples came back **NEGATIVE** and Kikongo could breathe a sigh of relief. The spread of the virus is still a major point of tension throughout the country.



Jonathan De Jongh unloads Ebola vaccines and cargo.

are infecting Congolese with the virus instead of treating it. The Clemmers bring insight into a problem that many of us Westerners have a hard time understanding.

To read more about the intricacies of this health crisis, see their blog post at <http://bit.ly/2NxOw7L>

SHIPMENT

Marie Kondo has nothing on preparing for an overseas move. As we near our tentative departure date, we are slowly but surely making progress on our shipment- 1,300 lbs of our possessions that will be flown to Kinshasa while we are in language school. "Analysis paralysis" is real--each day, we evaluate the usefulness of our items and weigh them (both literally and figuratively) against the need we may have for them in Africa and the bother of packing them. It is strange to plan for the unknown. Pray for us to have the determination, discipline, and diligence to finish the majority of our shipment before we leave for Idaho in October.

DR CONGO'S COMPLICATED RELATIONSHIP WITH EBOLA

According to missionaries Ann and Bill Clemmer with International Ministries, an MAF partner, the complexities of seeing an end to Ebola in the DR Congo go beyond the challenge of isolation. In a recent blog post, they cite reasons for Congolese resisting treatment for the deadly virus. Ebola patients are dying at home from fear-induced ideas, spread by those who are concerned that medical workers

TIMELINE

SEPTEMBER: Elijah will be attending Cessna Caravan training in Wichita.

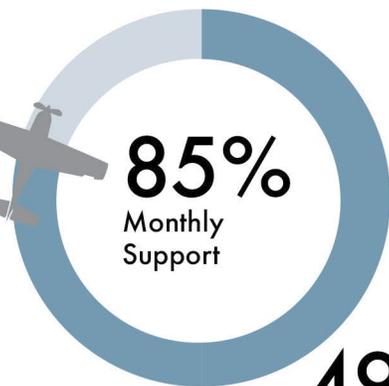
OCT - DEC: We receive our last training at MAF headquarters.

JAN: We depart for France at the start of the new year.



FUNDRAISING UPDATE:

We only have 15%, or \$1,260 per month to raise to meet our minimum monthly support needs! God has been so good to us to provide so much of our support, so quickly. As we come to a point where we have networked with most of our family and friends, we would ask for your help. If you are able to connect us with people who may be interested in our ministry, that would be much appreciated.



Total Monthly Support Needed:
\$8,400

Outgoing Fund

Total Outgoing Funds Needed: \$70,000

Would you consider helping us with our outgoing fund? We are seeking partnerships with individuals and churches to help us with the initial costs of arriving on the field!



A NEW VIEW ON OUR OUTGOING:

Our language school term starts in January 2020. We have raised \$34,516 of our \$70,000 outgoing fund. This is the amount we need to raise to cover training, visas, shipment, travel, and language school. To leave for language school, we need to have \$55,000. The remaining \$15,000 is the minimum for a safe car we will buy in Kinshasa.

MAF missionaries raise support for a pooled fund out of which MAF covers salary, housing, benefits, and staff-related expenses. MAF exercises discretion over the use of missionary support in the exercise of its mission and care of its staff.



PRAISES & PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Praise: Anna turns ONE in September. She has been such a blessing to our family. God has used her to reveal His goodness to us. As we celebrate her life, we would ask prayer for us to model godly lives for her and point her to Jesus.
- Praise: We have been accepted to our language school, Centre Chrétien d'Enseignement du Français!
- Prayer: The remainder of our support to come in!
- Prayer: The details will fall into place for our shipment to be complete before we leave for stateside training in October.
- Prayer: For Elijah as he travels next month to complete training on Cessna Caravans in Wichita.



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