

Africa Update #4

This past week Kevin flew (on an airliner) to Uganda to help work on a Cessna Caravan for another MAF program. He spent the week repairing the plane, helping lead the team inspecting the plane, and updating the paperwork to get the plane ready for its inspection. Cessna has a standard maintenance schedule for each of the aircraft they manufacture, however MAF aircraft need a stricter and more thorough maintenance program than Cessna requires simply because we use the aircraft to its maximum capabilities each and every time we fly. MAF wants to guarantee that the plane is in top shape to fly its passengers and cargo, thus, more frequent and thorough inspections. This is one of the many things we appreciate about MAF - their high level of standards.



Landing Gear Inspection

This particular airplane belongs to our Lubumbashi team which is a smaller city in the south of DRC. Their team is smaller than ours and their hangar is not generally used for such an involved and detailed inspections such as these, so that's why they fly the airplane to a better equipped MAF base in Uganda.

Even with Kevin's help, they weren't able to complete everything before he had to come back to Kinshasa. Things that still need to be done include: putting the interior back together, finish inspecting the wings, a standard post inspection run where they test the engine all the other systems on the ground for leaks and other issues, as well as a list of other checks. Please keep the team in your prayers as they work on a tight deadline while insuring the aircraft is in pristine condition.