

Spiritual Warfare has been a frequent topic. Africa is a dark continent for many reasons - the culture is rich with voodoo, idolatry (fetishes), demons, corruption, etc. Spiritual warfare is one of the easiest ways to discourage a missionary family from seeing the good that happens before them.

Life is very much a roller coaster here. Have you ever been calm or tranquil on a coaster? Or just "okay" on a ride? It is very difficult to keep your emotions from being extremely high or extremely low. There are so many days were it feels like we are just going in circles, round and round, but in a way that makes you sick. Then there are wonderful days where you are carelessly zooming down and side to side enjoying life.

This past week has been another hard one. It is so hard to focus on the upcoming holiday and the joy it should bring families. Instead this week has brought unusual illnesses to the children, one family's niece is dying, another family's home is literally falling apart and they are forced to move, and blatant abuse of power with several government agencies causing stress.

This upcoming week our MAF family is meeting on Wednesday to pray with one another. We want to see the joy and light of God shining through this darkness. We want to uplift one another. We desire to feel God before us, uplifting us. On Thursday, MAF will have its annual Christmas celebration at the hanger. It is always a great time to show those around us that we are here to do good things. The turnout is always positive.

On Friday, our family will be taking a break. Adah will begin her holiday vacation and Kevin will be taking some time off. We plan to focus on our family. We want to regroup, recharge, and renew our relationship with God and one another. Thus, I will not be sending out any more updates until after the new year. We might post a blog or two and possibly plaster Facebook with photos of our adorable children, but we will generally be offline. We ask that over the holidays you pray for our family and the upcoming opportunity we will have to be together.