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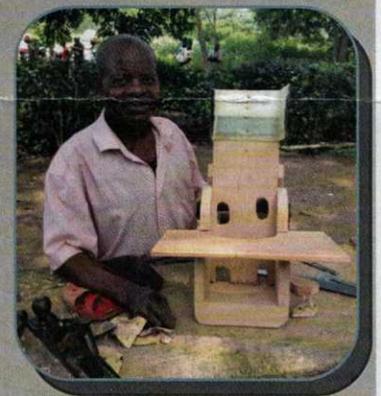
Life in Congo can be a challenge. Life in a village is more difficult. Life in a village with a crippling disability is practically unfeasible. During a recent stop in Kikongo, one of the missionaries asked if we knew of anyone with a spare car seat they would be willing to part with. I told her I would look but asked why there



was need for a car seat in the village where there aren't any cars? She said one of the local children had a spinal birth defect, a problem which will likely cripple the child for life. For several reasons, the mother's family and friends convinced her to abandon the child, to let him die, because he would require constant care the rest of his days. And many of those needs would be impossible to meet. Once the missionaries found out, they encouraged the mother to once again feed her child, hold him, and love him. He needed a seat to help support his body, but due to the extent of his malnourishment which resulted in the lack of physical development and the nature of his disability, he



needed some extra care. After I told Tasha about it later that night, she suggested we send the seat that one of our supporting families gave us to use for Adah that we no longer needed. The seat was taken via airplane on the next flight out. The child sleeps in the car seat, one of our old aircraft tires was modified to make an awesome swing for daily use, and a local carpenter built a chair to keep him more upright. After some mentoring, his mother is now committed to her son—she loves him, cares for him, and feeds him consistently. And now his health is beginning to improve.



"But when did we see you needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you? The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me.'" Matthew 25:38-40



Prayer

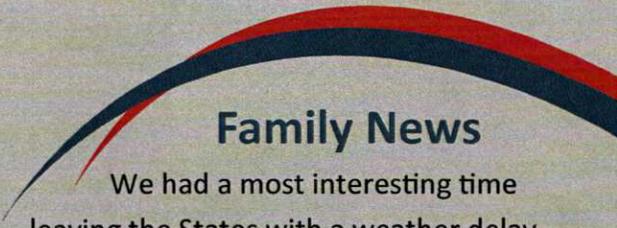
- Continued transition as a new family of four in Africa.
- Wisdom for Kevin as he flies and handles his new roles and responsibilities.
- Continued prayers for Congo as 2016 elections draw ever closer.

Praise

- The kids did great during our travels!
- It's great to be back in DRC and see our friends and teammates.
- We found a pre-school program (in French!) for Adah! She starts this month.

Kevin's Congo Flight Totals:

Passengers Carried: 143
Hours Flown: 222.5
Nautical Miles: 24,254



Family News

We had a most interesting time leaving the States with a weather delay turned maintenance delay, followed by a political unrest delay. Finally, we were able to leave a week later. Aunt B (our Sister-in-Law) was able to make the trip with us to help. She stayed with us for nearly 3 weeks and was able to go on a flight with Kevin. She seemed to have a great time and we were blessed she came with us!



Once we got back and settled, Kevin was appointed as the program's new Maintenance Manager and is enjoying using his experience from his last job.

Last November, the Clairmont family joined our team here. They have two young children with one more on the way. They have settled in nicely. Randy is an IT specialist and Vanessa is helping out with accounting in the office. We have all enjoyed having them as neighbors, especially Adah.

In His Service,

Kevin, Tasha, Adah, & Solomon



Adah's Additions

The weather is crazy. One day, it was snowing outside, then we went for an airplane ride that lasted FOREVER, and now it's HOT!

Aunt B was here for a while, so that was fun, and there are some other MAF kids my age to play with now. They live just 1 house away!

I try to help as much as I can, but I still can't figure out this baby thing. So to make sure he had something to play with when he wakes up from his naps, I put all my toys in his crib while he's still asleep. Then, if he sleeps too long, I make sure to wake him up for mommy.

Oh. I got a gecko!

Love, Adah Armelia



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