

EYGABROAD SQUAD



Serving in Lesotho since 2008

October 2016

Opportunity and Sacrifice

This month I (Bryan) want to share two incredible stories of opportunity and sacrifice. Over the years, I've been impressed by the lives of our local Basotho staff. They are so much more than employees...they work alongside us day in and day out - usually fulfilling the non-glamorous 'grunt' work that is necessary to keep our ministry moving forward. They are the 'parts of the body' that Paul writes about in 1 Corinthians 12 that 'seem to be weaker' but are that much more necessary, and 'we think to be less honorable' but we give them more honor.

Retselisitsoe Maila has worked for MAF Lesotho for 8 years. Starting out as a simple, but 'necessary' loader, Maila faithfully performed his duties, and this past year began showing a desire and aptitude to learn aircraft mechanics while assisting our local mechanic.

This August, our team decided to place an opportunity before Maila; to travel to America and enroll in a one-year aviation maintenance program and earn his aircraft mechanics license! But opportunity often comes with sacrifice, and Maila had to choose whether to leave his newly pregnant wife (of just one year) to pursue his dream. After much prayer and consideration, both Maila and his wife agreed that this was an opportunity too great to let pass by! Now enrolled at School of Mission Aviation Technology (SMAT), Maila (who terribly misses his wife) is pressing on towards a greater goal...and we all are continually humbled by his example!



Retselisitsoe Maila off to America!



Ausi Mantlibi interning in the hangar.

Ausi (Sister) Mantlibi is studying auto mechanics, and is the only female student in a class full of men. When Mantlibi first walked through the doors of MAF Lesotho, most of us wondered who this 'little girl' was and why she was here. She quickly impressed us with her knowledge of general mechanics and her unmatched desire to learn about aircraft. Looking for a 6-month internship to fulfill her class requirement, we decided to open our doors and give her this opportunity. Her laughter and joy brightened our days and quickly earned her the nickname 'Giggles.'

In the six months Mantlibi spent with us, she not only grew in her mechanics field, but also in her spiritual life. She was impressed by how we treated one another in the hangar, as brothers and sisters in Christ, and was equally awe-struck when it was suggested she celebrate her birthday (something she'd never done in her life!) with all the MAF ladies. The women spent the afternoon honoring her and speaking into her life, making an indelible impression on this young girl!

Professionally speaking to say that "the deck is stacked against her" would be an understatement. In a field dominated by men, it will be challenging for her to find a shop to work in after graduation. But we believe that God has great things in store for this 'little girl' that just happened to walk into our lives this year!

"...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

Coming to America!



The countdown has begun! Matthias is SO excited to "go 'Merica!"

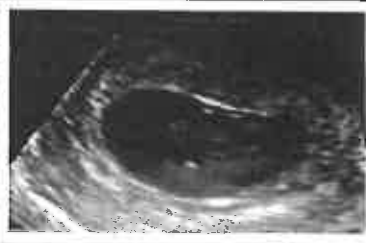
Soon we'll be saying, "Hello" to YOU, our friends and partners in ministry!

Our travels will take us to Western Washington, Arizona, Colorado, Northern California, and Idaho! If you'd like to connect with us please let us know! We are excited to spend time with you!

Answered Prayer!

The Eygabroad Squad is expecting a new recruit!

Many heart filled thanks to all who have been praying for this little miracle!



Baby Eggy
due
May 2017

A Moment with Matthias

Happy birthday!

October 15th I turned
3 years old!

We had a
POOL PARTY!

With PIZZA and "pupcakes"!



I'm always talking about "going to 'Merica!" I'm so excited to see my friend, Josiah, meet my cousins and spend time with my grandparents!



I'm excited to go on the "Polar Express" train ride with Mommy's family for Christmas!



Here are some Matthias "ism's" you may hear and what they mean:

- "A-cow!" - "Ka-chow" (Lightning McQueen)
- "Look, Yummy!" - (Yummy = McDonald's)
- "A-toasss." - (Toast = Bread = Sandwich)
- "Cars on trucks!" - (Car-carrier)
- "Chemist!" - (Christmas)

Praise His Glorious Name:

1. Praise God for answered prayer! May 2017 we will be adding a new bundle of joy to our family!
2. Praise God as he leads and directs our family in our spiritual life with a new discipleship class.

How You Can Pray:

1. Pray for our upcoming furlough beginning November 2016.
2. Pray for our team this year as we have many families on furlough leaving us shorthanded, some days having only one pilot on duty.

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