

# ON THE MOVE

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Joining God on His Mission

## OUR PEOPLE IN AFRICA

### Kent & Amy Embleton



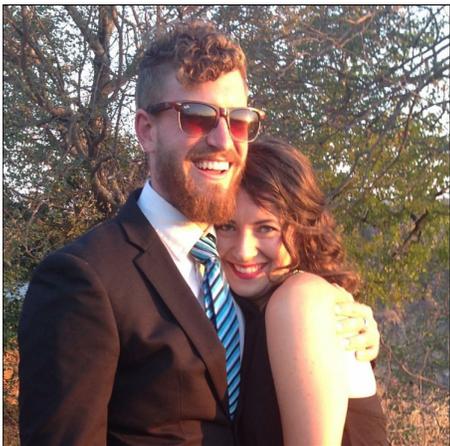
The Embletons are missionaries with Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF), an international Christian organization whose mission is to fly light aircraft and use other technologies to bring help and hope to people in some of the world's poorest communities. Every four minutes a MAF plane is taking off or landing somewhere in the world to assist missions, churches, aid and development agencies, and other local groups to transform lives and share the love of God (read more at <http://www.mafint.org/>). Kent and Amy serve the people of Mozambique through MAF as a pilot/mechanic family. They have a unique position as one of only a handful of aviation businesses that are run inside of Mozambique. This past spring/summer has been busy. Both of the boys celebrated birthdays. Isaac is now three and Russell is one. Kent has had some interesting flights, including a medevac for a little girl whose parents live in a wildlife reserve. He also transported some pastors and mission leaders to a remote village down in the southern part of Mozambique.

### Lauren Konvalin

Lauren is a missionary with Overland Missions, serving in the Expeditions Department (primarily evangelism) and with Sustain (farming). As an Expedition leader, Lauren participates in reconnaissance trips to make contact with the villages in which they plan to minister, and leads teams of men and women on expeditions for several days out in the villages. The first Zambia mission team of the 2017 season arrived May 17th; Lauren and this team of 11 college students spent eight days in Mukuni chiefdom walking house to house sharing the gospel, doing kids ministry, and holding night meetings where they sang worship songs, danced, and shared testimonies. They shared the gospel with over 400 people in seven different villages and led 285 to salvation (including the headman!). In July and August, Lauren helped with several Farming God's Way (FGW) or Foundations for Farming (FfF) conferences in various villages in Zambia. These conferences emphasize how God is our provider, how he is always enough for us, and how we can trust and

be faithful to him. At the second annual Farming God's Way Leader's Conference just outside Livingstone, 230 leaders from all over Zambia spent three days worshipping, lifting up their chiefdoms to the Lord, and learning additional conservation agricultural practices. Lauren will be back in the States in mid-October, and get married to a fellow Overland missionary, Branden Bender, in December. They will head back to Zambia to continue work with Sustain sometime next spring.





### **Jake Magness**

Jake serves as a missionary with Overland Missions on the island of Zanzibar off the coast of Tanzania. His work includes visiting and encouraging pastors/churches, taking reconnaissance trips into new areas on the islands, preaching at different churches, leading Bible studies, helping with expedition teams that come to Zanzibar, and organizing pastoral leadership trainings. Highlights this summer included a trip in July to Pemba Island where he and fellow missionaries spent the week visiting and encouraging two local pastors, assisting them in their ministry and teaching. Also in July he participated in a baptism service baptizing his good friend Tango along with 6 other new believers. In August, Jake and his

team ran the final mission expedition of the year and had amazing ministry: over 30 salvations, 17 physical healings, deliverance of a Muslim woman from demonic possession, and delivery of 35 copies of the New Testament to people in rural communities. They also held a general pastoral leadership conference for Zanzibar Archipelago for 18 pastors. Jake will be traveling back to the states at the end of September. He will marry fellow Overland missionary Hannah Sauer in November. They will return to Zanzibar in February.

### **Phil & Mari Manning**

Africa Inland Mission (AIM) is a Christian mission sending agency with the desire to see the worship of Jesus Christ spread across the continent of Africa (<https://aimint.org>). Phil and Mari Manning serve with AIM at Rift Valley Academy (RVA) in Kenya. RVA is a boarding school for children of missionaries. Phil and Mari are dorm parents to the 8th grade boys this year, but also fulfill numerous other roles, including accounting, teaching, counseling, coaching, store managing, and club advising. Their daughter, Anna, is a 10th grader this year at RVA. Some of the highlights they experienced this past year have been remodeling of their dorm (they had to move to a temporary dorm and then back again two months later), taking a robotics team to the first East Africa Lego robotics competition and taking 1st place, remodeling their kitchen, leading a group of 11th and 12th grade students on a field trip to the Kenya Coast where they stayed with missionaries and learned about their work, and assisting in an event for the 9th grade boys presented by the Masai elders. As you can see, the Mannings are extremely busy supporting and encouraging the students at RVA!!



### **Gary & Liz McKnight**

The McKnight family serves in global theological education. This consists of training pastors and church leaders in the educational ministry of the church and spiritual formation. Gary serves with SIM USA as a “seminary professor without borders”, traveling overseas several times per year to teach intense 2-3 week block courses at the graduate level. In July Gary taught a 2 week long course in Nigeria at Jos ECWA Theological Seminary (JETS). He said the 40 students, most already serving as pastors, were very receptive and appreciative. Currently, he is trying to complete grading and offering feedback to the students on distance assignments that they have submitted by email. Liz currently teaches chemistry and physics at Fellowship Academy in Arlington; she focuses on trying to develop relationships with her students, helping them sort through academic questions involving faith and reason. Dan, their son, is currently a sophomore at Fellowship Academy and has been active in band, soccer, and track.

