

Now to him who is able to do  
immeasurably more than all  
we ask or imagine.....  
Ephesians 3:20



# S C H E E R F L Y E R

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Many of you have heard already through facebook or through our blog ([mattnellie.blogspot.com](http://mattnellie.blogspot.com)) the good news that we passed the evaluation and have been asked to return to MAF in July for Candidacy!

*THANK YOU* to everyone who prayed and who contributed financially to the TE. Through you and your generous hearts God brought in more than we could have imagined. It was enough to cover the TE, travel costs, all of the flying I had to do in preparation, and more that we were able to put into our general support fund. We are humbled and blessed to have such amazing family and friends as you. We hope and pray that God returns the blessing to you many times over.

**MATT:** At the risk of giving away trade secrets I can't go into too many details about my evaluation. The most difficult aspect was that there was no feedback given to me about how I was doing along the way. All criticism and/or praise was reserved for the very last day during the final debrief. So it was critical for me to objectively analyze my own performance each day, determine what needed improvement, and set goals for the following day. Ellie can tell you that I came home a couple evenings pretty discouraged and worn out. I can tell you though that despite some initial nervousness, and a couple days that didn't go as well as I would have liked, I thoroughly enjoyed my time at MAF.

**ELLIE** had an awesome time while I was being grilled and raked over the coals in the hangar. We had an instant bond with the other families who were there for evaluation, and Ellie had plenty of time to hang out and socialize with them. We did have a bit of a scare one evening as Ellie had to go to the hospital for some serious pre-term contractions. Thankfully they settled down and things are back to normal.

**BLAKE** had an instant bond with the sandbox and playground at the apartments! He also had a great time with the other kids, and handled the changes in schedule like a champ. For pictures of Blake's bed in the shower see our blog [mattnellie.blogspot.com](http://mattnellie.blogspot.com)!

There are more details to tell, pictures to show, and enough to satisfy your curiosity on our blog, so please check that out if you want to know more.





## WHAT'S NEXT?

Currently Ellie and I are “engaged” to MAF. We are fully committed to joining, and MAF has stated that they want us to join, but it’s not official just yet. On July 11 we begin 2 weeks of “Candidacy.” During this time we will learn more about the organization, learn details about each of the MAF bases around the world, and submit our choices as to where we want to serve. If nothing unforeseen happens then *at the end of those two weeks we will receive our country assignment and become official MAFers*. Candidacy will be followed by three more weeks of training.

By mid-late August we will be done with training and will then spend the next several months on the road raising awareness of our ministry and seeking financial and prayer partners for this journey. As soon as we reach 100% of our support level we will be ready for language school and heading overseas. *The target for that is this time next year (2012).*

We can’t begin to describe how excited we are about this process!

The next prayer letter you receive from us will most likely have MAF on the top and include all the fun details about our country assignment. Be looking for that to arrive in August.

## Prayer Requests and Praises

Praise Him for a successful TE and for *his provision*.

Pray for wisdom as we move forward and plan for the future.

***Pray for a safe delivery for our daughter, who is due June 16!!***

Pray for a good transition, both into MAF, and to life with our new daughter.



## Thank you...

I know we said this before, but we really couldn’t have done this without you. We credit both God and your generous hearts for where we are today. Thank you.



*Matt, Ellie, and Blake*

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