

## Remainder schedule:

By now, I have written a mixed German/ English letter once a year; how do you wish to have it in future: bilingually with learning possibility (and double length) or better short and only English?



The proud, in the meantime triple uncle

And last question: do you like my letter in this format, or, like before, DIN A4? You see, it is still a letter to train your brain... the majority wins.

Finally, I would like to wish you a Christmas where you will find time to think new plans, so that you may enjoy them in 2006.

The next letter will reach you from Africa, where I may tell you some more details about the changes in my life,

*all the best. Yours (Aero)Gero*

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## Aerogero on tour...



John 15:16

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.

### Dear Friend,

1 year ago I sent you my last newsletter. Much has happened, and so one schedule pursues another.

### 2005 schedule (back view):

First of all, I joined a 2-week cultural preparation course with MAF Europe (Mission Aviation Fellowship) in January.

Then, after satisfying some more VIPs by modifying their Jumbo Jets with satellite TV and other “important” systems, I left Hamburg and the nice work with Lufthansa Technik at the end of April. I arranged a final “All-Out-Party” with camp fire in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (!) and the offer to all friends to grab something from my household in exchange with a donation to my MAF account.

The next 2 months were, instead of urgently necessary relaxing, full with flying, visiting friends and presenting my way as missionary pilot for MAF.

Do you still remember the approach lighting cross on the last year's letter? In the same way like pilots have to head towards this cross in order to experience a happy landing, it is important for every Christian to head towards the cross of Jesus. Only then I will be sure not to crash at the end of my life. The flight of my life may be even more turbulent than ever, but finally it will be a 100% safe Landing!



This heading towards Jesus was the priority of my Discipleship Training School (DTS) which I was joining from July 3<sup>rd</sup> until Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>. The quite narrow fellowship (e.g. in our 4-bed-room) did challenge again and again,

and teachings like 'Hearing GOD's voice', 'Spiritual warfare' (you know Narnia?), 'Fatherheart of GOD' and others gave me insights into more aspects of my faith. GOD is not an arbitrary Despot far far away, but HE wants to have a personal and loving relationship with me!

During our outreach phase in Innsbruck/ Austria we could apply some of our newly learned knowledges: we worked together with several churches and congregations, arranged projects like a Christian Café and also helped practically: even by renovating rooms and houses you may show GOD's love!

I am really happy for this time which helped me to be totally away from all known circumstances before I go into my African future. Although it was not a time with much rest and letting the thoughts go, it was a very good time!

### *Work schedule:*

Already in September I got an offer by MAF to support the Tanzania flying staff in Dodoma. After a short think-about, I agreed luckily!

In the beginning I will fly a 6-seater Cessna 206 and help the churches to work in widely spread communities effectively. Also rescue or freight flights will be my task. More specific information I may only give you after my starting the work in April next year.

By now, I am more than happy that after 12 years of preparation the final approach is in sight. Some more flying hours, arrangements, good-byes, and I will be at home in Africa...



### *Hello Kids,*

*in the YWAM Centre in Switzerland, where Gero was joining the DTS, 13 different nationalities were living together!*

*Can you now tell him how much and which countries are located next to Tanzania, that country which will be Gero's home to work as pilot from next year on?*

*Write to him, and you will get a surprise gift (address at the end of this letter)!*

*Good luck, Yours Flying Tiger*

### *Time schedule:*

Now it will go on really fast:

Already at the end of January (that is within 1 month!) I will have some final bush flight training for 6 weeks in the USA (2 weeks in Elizabethtown/TN and then 4 weeks in Redlands/CA). Mid of March I will be back in Germany in order to directly head towards Dodoma.

In the remainder time I would like to visit you, but the possibilities are very rare... On the other hand you may visit me! Just call and let's make a date. I'm happy for every meeting!

The following is already scheduled:

Dec 29, 2005: Visa Interview, US-Embassy, Berlin

Jan 13-15, 2006: Hamburg

Jan 29, 2006: Elia-Church, Langenhagen

Jan 30-Mar 14, 2006: Bush flight training, Tennessee resp. California

Ende März 2006: Departure for Tanzania

### *Finance schedule:*

I am really grateful for every support I already get! Whether big or small: each month I am studying my MAF account with all your lovely names fascinatedly! My supporting team is growing: having 7 regular donors in January 2005, they have become a number of 28 in November 2005! I'm looking forward to how it will be at the end of December...

By now it is about 40% of the amount necessary for Tanzania, plus some single donations. So, if you want to increase my supporting team in this matter, I would welcome you. I need it in order to leave next year for Dodoma. Beyond this, I want to say thank you for all support by prayer, equipment, hints and much more which helps me going on!

I know that I will not be the "individual fighter" in Africa, but I need a team which will be part of the work although not on site, for example to mentally and spiritually strengthening me (and I, them by my reports). So, you will have the option to be "in" Africa without being personally there!