

The **Mini-Shop** at www.aerogero.de in order to support students with school fees has been used already! There are still more airplanes, waiting for a home, so their purchase fee may support education here in Africa. For 70 €, you can do so much long term blessings! It is simple; you don't need any experience in Online shopping at all!

A big thank you to all, who sent Christmas cards, mail, or parcels! To my regret, I couldn't enjoy most of them yet, as they are still (hopefully!) on their way. So, if I didn't yet answer, it is not my missing courtesy. The good news is, however, I can still hope for at least 8 months, due to the slow mail system

This newsletter is not always being written as often as I would like to. Still, you can get some insight into my life and work here, by checking out my **monthly diary extracts** at my [homepage](#). From now, I won't remind you with a mail about the next one, so just check every now and then.

Swahili time. Especially here in Lokichoggio, we don't have too many penguins, so the Kiswahili creators decided to use a slightly longer word:

Namna ya ndege mnene wa maji mwenye miguu mifupi asiyeweza kuruka juu.

Translation.: "A type of fat water bird with short feet, who is not able to fly".

Whoever wants to visit me, please note that Swahili is usually rather easy to learn, as it is very logic. And the word for penguin, you don't need very often.

Thank you for your continued support.

All the best, and GOD be with you.

Yours, 

P.S.: Please drop me a line and tell me your story!

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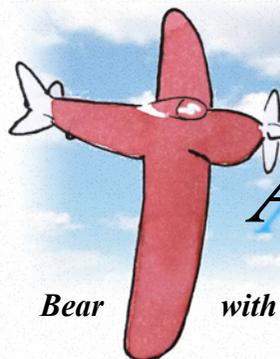
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Bear

with one another and forgive one another, ...; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. Colossians 3:13

My first shave in 2010

It dawned on me the hassle of shaving was too much, especially considering the resulting 5-o'clock shadow. However, I have repeated this daily ritual for many years, in order to look good (ok, that's personal taste ...). In order to maintain the look, it is necessary to continue it daily. Do I give up? No.

How many other things should we continue to repeat, in order to look not only outwardly good? A talk with the partner ("again!"); to say something nice; to be merciful (even if I don't feel like this); etc.

By the way: GOD only says nice things about us, no matter how we behave. For the remainder, Jesus has already died at the cross. And HE does never say, "You again, with the same issue!" Should that not encourage us?

Since November, I am in Lokichoggio.

"**The best Place to be**", as my Swedish base manager couple and I always say. It is hot, dry and dusty, but somehow beautiful! Just come and watch the stars @ night, or walk the dry riverbed (which I do daily with Bono), and you will know what I mean!

There are a lot of flights scheduled from here; until the end of January, I even managed to obtain the maximum monthly flying hours already after 18 days. This resulted in some days being grounded, which is not the worst thing: with up to 6 flying days a week (we don't fly on Sundays, except for emergencies), there was not much room for other tasks, like this very newsletter.



Last year

Just in time before leaving Nairobi, I bought a Volkswagen Syncro Van. I could never cope with these big-cc (and expensive!) Toyotas and Nissans, but thought on a sub base, a car might be necessary. So I was lucky finding this one for sale.

Unfortunately, it is not easy with cars in Kenya, as due to horrible import duty, most cars are rather old. Soon after, the front drive shaft broke, luckily still in Nairobi. But the spare part is not available here, and my mechanic was busy till after Christmas, so my car is currently standing around jobless in Nairobi. I still hope that soon I will get the shaft from Germany, in order to cruise the dusty tracks around Loki. Btw., my dog Bono has reserved the whole rear bench for himself already ...



Dog, roof tent, everything there, only shower & kitchen is missing ...

As well as all the flying out of Loki, I was flying from Juba for some days last year. This was especially nice, as dear friends and colleagues were there, who I see rather rarely!

Juba, as the whole Southern Sudan, is everything else except quiet and peaceful. Right now, it seems to be the quietness before the storm. But when the storm will break loose, nobody knows.

Hey Kids,

the last quiz was very difficult, even adults didn't guess it. It is an old aircraft engine, put upright, with the propeller on top missing.

My new one is a bit easier. It shows you also, how few words you need, in order to understand the cooking instructions.

Do you want to try?

Send the answer to Gero, as you find his address at the end of the letter.

Have fun, Yours,

Flying Tiger.

This year, the Presidential elections for the whole of Sudan are expected, and next year, the referendum for 6 years autonomy of the South is running out. That could mean, further autonomy, back to the North, or civil war again. Most organizations assume the latter, unfortunately. It is therefore important to be on the guard, and our Juba team have recently conducted an



evacuation exercise.

Over Christmas, our operations were closed for some days. This time was right for me to take a fasting and time-out. Lokichoggio was even quieter than usual, and I had a blessed time with GOD, listening to HIM and HIS future plans for me. Only the daily riverbed with Bono interrupted this.

Riverbed: Although the normal rainy season is long gone, we had heavy rains, which time and again filled up the river for 5-25 hrs, and blocked the road into Sudan. That meant, queues of cars piled up and did nothing else than wait for lower tide; one day, two days, nobody cares. That is Africa!

The people are always thankful for the rains, as during the rainy season this year, there was not nearly enough rain.

In January, my **routine check flight** was due, after my aircraft type introduction in June 2009. Twice a year, we have to show our ability to carry out all emergency procedures etc. This time, I struggled a bit with gliding approaches after an assumed engine failure (you cannot exercise this with passengers in your daily flying). So, from now on I will use my empty flight legs to practice exactly these.

In February, I will climb **Mt. Kenya** with my girl friend and colleagues! Snow in Africa, as we go up above 15,000 ft! Therefore, each morning (unless I have a 6:30 departure) I do some rope skipping for my fitness. Air is thin up there.

And then, March will come, and I will go to **Germany** again! The time will, as always, be too short, and I won't do another marathon as in 2008, with up to 3 appointments per day. But still, I am very much looking forward to my time with friends, family and supporters!

I will be in Germany from the end of March until mid May. If you are around, this would be a good time to catch me.

If you are not around, why don't you visit me in "the best place to be" afterwards? There is always a bed waiting for you.

