



**'MAF aircraft fly all sorts of things
To help people out,' Mike said.
'This Advent, let's build a list of them
All the way from A to Z.'**

N is for neem trees – they're really quite small,
And fit in the back of Mike's plane.
They're planted to prevent soil erosion,
Which can happen a lot when there's rain.

This unusual cargo was destined
To be delivered to South Sudan.
As Mike came to a halt on the airstrip,
He was met by a smiling man.

'Thank you for bringing these saplings
To replace the trees lost in a flood.

The Nile burst its banks in the springtime,
And left the place covered in mud.

'We don't want the soil to be washed away,
It's so important for farming.
Being unable to grow the food we need
Would really be alarming.'

Mike and Foxtrot unloaded their plane,
There were 2,000 plants in the hold.
Once they'd been placed outside the plane,
It was quite a sight to behold.

**Neem trees are just one of the things
That MAF flies through the skies.
Join us tomorrow for the next letter,
And another exciting surprise.**

