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YOUR GIFT WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND WILL ADVANCE HIS WORK ALL OVER MEXICO AND CENTRAL AMERICA.

First Flight South!

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In Isaiah 55:8,9 we read:

"This plan of mine is not what you would work out, neither are my thoughts the same as yours! For just as the heavens are higher than the earth so are my ways higher than yours, and my thoughts than yours."

We had hoped to make this first trip about six weeks earlier but even a delay can be used by God and as the word spread that we would be coming to Honduras we received many requests to bring items that were needed. When we finally departed we had a full load.

The annual inspection would be due before we returned so I dug into that right after Christmas. There were several items to correct but overall the inspection went very smoothly.

I have come to expect opposition from Satan and when the inspection went well I held my breath. I was not disappointed. MidWest Missionair workers are all volunteers and hold down full time jobs. Every member of the team had trouble at work that week. Cash flow problems, computer disasters, and an array of technical and family problems plagued every member of the team for the five days prior to our departure. Satan tried so hard to discourage us that it was almost funny. ALMOST, but we did not

laugh at the time.

The day before departure five men from our new hometown of Garnett, KS came out to the hangar to hold us up in prayer. Prayer is the key to everything we do and details fell into place after this meeting.

At 4:30 PM February 1, I took off from Garnett for Olathe, KS to pick up Jerry Brockhaus and Bev MacCallum and continued on to Houma, LA just south of New Orleans. February 2 we rose early and headed out over the Gulf of Mexico.

Six and one half hours later we touched down at La Ceiba, Honduras after an uneventful crossing.



Waiting to greet us on the ramp at La Ceiba was Kevin Dunn of Biblical Ministries Worldwide. We were bringing some delicate aircraft parts to Kevin and he helped guide us through customs and immigration procedures.

Kevin began his ministry in Honduras many years ago to the Garifuna people who live along the beaches of the Caribbean in Honduras, Belize and Nicaragua. They are a very pure black people who were originally



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WHAT WE LEARNED

Mexico and Central America are peppered with literally thousands of missionaries. Some are sent by denominations while many others have raised their own support. While working in the field they seem to become one big team working toward a common goal. Discussions about denominational differences are non-existent.

There are areas that have not yet heard the gospel and in these areas evangelism is the main job.

In other areas the Gospel has taken hold and native peoples are doing the evangelism themselves. Here missionaries are providing pastoral training, medical services, and helping with economic development.

On this trip we were able to connect with only a few. We have only scratched the surface but from these few contacts we are learning how we can help.

Volunteers are needed. There are few skills that can not be used of God.

If you want to build, both churches and private homes are needed everywhere. As a start up aviation service with a small aircraft MidWest Missionair cannot take large groups. But after the large groups leave small groups work out better to complete the plumbing, electrical and finish work.

A reliable source of good water is needed everywhere. Four is the ideal size for a well drilling team.

A small medical team in a remote area can do wonders in a very short time.

Full time missionaries need a life line. They must obtain supplies that do not ship well by conventional means. Certain items such as aircraft parts, electronics parts, computers, chemicals and other items require TLC.

Transportation for missionaries to go home for family business and for fund raising is needed. This can often be provided better by the airlines but there are still times when MidWest Missionair can do the job better for less cost.

MidWest Missionair is joining the team mentioned at the beginning of this article. We cannot be all things to all men, but there is a niche in the work in Latin America where we can make a significant and powerful contribution.

As God leads the way we intend to join that team.

The Challenge

God has clearly called MidWest Missionair to support His missionaries in Latin America. It cost \$1800 in fuel and landing fees to make a trip. How then can we cover the cost of this project?

The missionaries themselves are willing to pay part of the cost especially when TLC is required to ship certain items.

Dedicated volunteers have long been paying their own expenses.

In these post 9/11 days as the possibility of war looms we have all had to tighten our belts. Yet if anything, recent events have underscored the need to share Christ with a hurting world.

We are organizing our next trip for early fall. Please help underwrite this effort. Your gift will make a difference and will advance His work all over Mexico and Central America.

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Year End Report

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brought to the new world as slaves and were released by the British during the 1860's.

After clearing customs Mike Gullickson delivered us to our rooms and helped us get a rental truck. Mike and his wife Georgiann minister with Aqua Viva International by drilling wells and installing water filters in poor and depressed villages. After a



Mike Gullickson

clean supply of water is established, Georgiann, who is a nurse, treats the children of the area for parasites. By meeting the physical need for clean water the Gullicksons have a natural opening to share the living water of Jesus Christ. MidWest Missionair delivered medical supplies and truck parts to the Gullicksons.



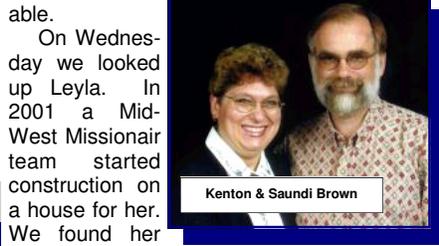
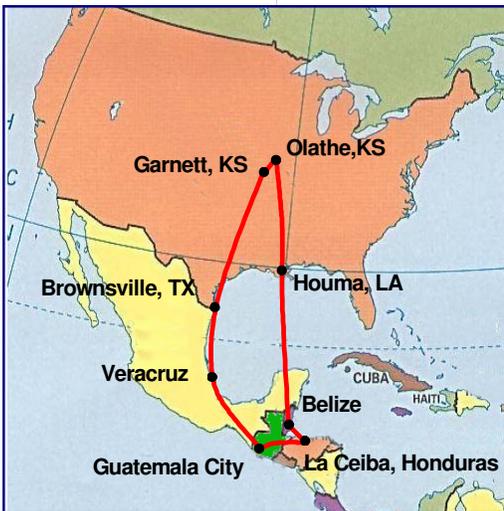
Evelynna & Family

The next day was spent visiting Mike's current building projects. He is using volunteers to build a house for Evelynna, a lady with nine children who

has been left to raise them herself. While we were there a group from western Canada was laying concrete blocks for the house.

In order that we may meet with as many missionaries as possible in the time we had available, Mike arranged a meeting at his home on Tuesday night where we met our old friends Kenton and Saundi Brown. The Browns have been in Honduras for a number years. Kenton is a computer and electronics expert and was asked by the government for help during Hurricane Mitch disaster relief several years ago.

The Browns have recently pastored a church in La Ceiba and are preparing to take new duties at Loma Vista Hospital in Belfate, Honduras. This hospital has just opened in an area that previously had no medical services available. Kenton will again be using his technical skills to provide satellite hook-ups for the hospital so that the very latest medical technology can be made avail-



Kenton & Saundi Brown

able. On Wednesday we looked up Leyla. In 2001 a Mid-West Missionair team started construction on a house for her. We found her doing very well in her new house and she had a full time job working in the cafeteria of a nearby university.

On Thursday we left La Ceiba for Guatemala City where we met with Bret Tredway and his family. Bret flies and maintains a Cessna 210 aircraft for the Church of the Nazarene. He needed four new tires which we delivered. Guatemala City is very modern and we had a lovely evening of R&R with Bret and his family.

With our business complete we decided to head for home on Friday. The route would involve a fuel stop at Vera Cruz, Mexico. We had heard several horror stories about high landing fees and general hassles and Mexican airports but with many potential contacts in Mexico we wanted to see for ourselves what Mexican procedures were like. As it turned out the stop went very well with very reasonable landing fees.



Bret Tredway and Family

At about 6:00 PM we crossed back into the USA and cleared customs at Brownsville, TX. It was here that we had the

only bad weather of the trip. It was raining and we had to make an instrument landing but all went well.

After a quick snack we took off for our last leg. At 1:00 AM we landed at Olathe.

The trip had been a great success. We had learned to negotiate Latin American airspace and had connected with as many missionaries as time allowed.

There is always a need for the volunteers and there are many projects for the small groups that we will be able to carry.

And there is a need to carry certain supplies. Although UPS is available they will not take many items and the missionaries would rather have MidWest Missionair take delicate items such as

aircraft and computer parts since it is a nightmare to make claims when damage occurs in transit.

God is faithful! We could not have come this far without His backing and we will not go farther unless He continues to undergird.



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