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PAINT JOB NEEDED

Now that all the mechanical and safety issues have been taken care of we must turn our attention to

WE ARE GOOD TO GO!!



by Gordon Blackie, President - Midwest Missionair

As of June 13, 2002 all hurdles have been cleared and we are now "good to go" and ready to fly missions as He directs. Since we last reported in February we have completed all pilot training, have conducted a very thorough mechanical inspection and corrected a few minor problems, put all the necessary FAA paperwork in order (an unbelievably complex task), and have negotiated an insurance rate that we can live with for the time being.

It seemed like it had been a long time coming but as I look back He has provided and has brought everything together with remarkable speed.

In order to get the best available insurance rates our pilots must build up time flying and we have decided that it would be wise to make the first few trips closer to home.

Aviation insurance companies have become very cautious as a result of 9/11. Our Chief Pilot Jerry Brockhaus has worked hard to get us a good rate for this year but he will be able to do better after we have accumulated more flying hours. For this reason the Ohio trip helped us as much as it helped the students. We need to do as many short trips as possible to build up flight hours before our insurance renews in January of



Pilot Bev MacCallum installs intercom

2003. During our first trip the need for an intercom became apparent and Bev MacCallum has spend hours (more than either he or I expected) doing a first class installation.

We are exploring new areas of ministry in Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras and the Canadian north. Missions in all of these areas can benefit greatly from use of the aircraft. Please pray for guidance as we seek His will.



In March we made our first mission flight. Several seminary students needed transportation for a project. Brian Parker, Jean Thomas, and Eric Depew were transported to conduct interviews and observe the operations of a fast growing church in Columbus, Ohio.

How can you Help Pray

Your prayer support is vital to our success. Please join us every Saturday morning at 8:00 am for prayer in Olathe. Call for location and directions.

Give

Your financial support makes it possible for Missionair to continue the work. The need is great! Please help us to expand the work with a faith promise monthly gift.

Volunteer

Volunteers are needed. Consider dedicating an hour, a day or a week. Projects are awaiting volunteers. Our most pressing need is to prepare the bus and our aircraft for new paint.

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another issue. The plane has not been repainted for many years and is beginning to show bare aluminum. New paint is needed to protect our investment.

We also believe that in doing the Lord's work we should put our best foot forward.

It will cost about \$8.00 per square foot to do the job right. Will you get involved by repainting 10, 20, 50, or even

New Hope Bus Project

MidWest Missionair is converting a bus to be used as a mobile church which will travel the Pine Ridge Reservation ministering to children.

Body work, mechanic and electrical work need to be done. The bus is located on the south side of Olathe, KS.

Although much progress has been made project completion has been set back several times and volunteers are



badly needed to clean, sand, and paint.

Report From Guatemala

Editors Note:

Our MidWest Missionair Chaplain Don Whitlock recently was in Guatemala attending a Global Theology Conference. While there, Don made contact with Brett Tredway and explored the possibility of helping with mission aviation in Guatemala. Here are excerpts from emails that Don sent home.

Hola

Arrived safely in Guatemala City, the altitude is like Denver and the climate is the same -- it is shirtsleeve and cool and crisp. There are three and a half million people -- 80% of whom are impoverished. The water is unsafe to drink and the food is rice and meat.

This is a country of contrasts, from the most shocking of poverty to the opulence of wealth. Yesterday in our travels we went to the oldest city in the country -- it was founded in the 1500's on the side of a volcano -- it was wiped out by a volcanic eruption in the 1700's... it has come back as a thriving community. The old city is impoverished -- we watched a mother and her small

children carrying firewood to their humble home, they probably spent the whole day gathering the wood for a fire with which to



cook. I studied their eyes -- they were serene-- there was no hint of distress or anguish at their predicament. The children were happy yet tired the mother carried herself with an air of respect for herself -- she was after all productive they had a full load of twigs and roots to burn. I am pondering.... Also a fun observation -- at five in the morning Guatemalans like to light firecrackers to celebrate -- birthdays or just life -- quite a shock the first morning -- and there is a rooster I would love to find -- he crows all night!!!

Today went to the airport in Guatemala city to look at the Mission Hangar and the Cessna 210 that they use for ministry to the jungles and the small villages and towns in the back country. The new pilot is in language school and so was not available to show us the facility. Mario Zani, who was instrumental in establishing this ministry gave us a tour. It is a fine hangar -- the ceiling on the inside had been painted and the paint is now coming loose

-- a good work trip would be to blast off the old paint, prep, and repaint. I went over to the pilots office in another part of the city and we did discuss the idea of Midwest Missionair providing support for this venture. The concept was greeted with enthusiasm.

Found out today that next to Columbia -- Guatemala has the highest rate of kidnappings in the World. if I had known that yesterday I would have had an adrenaline rush all day...Mario Zani took us to places that were in the dangerous areas of town...down one lane side streets with people who didn't smile watching us intently as we drove...up mountain highways and side roads that were remote and beautiful...I won't get to be on Larry King Live...we didn't get kidnapped. We did see some interesting things...this country is influenced heavily by Mayan culture...the people from the villages still dress with the colorful garb and the headdress that allows them to balance heavy loads. I am intrigued by the differences from our country -- the buses have people hanging all over them -- totally dangerous for a North American. Every business has armed guards with shotguns or rifles. The vegetation is a mix of pines and palms; the flowers are ablaze with color. We are locked in our compound though, so I really can't get any closer to the countryside or the people. My adventure -- included driving on roads first built in the 1500's that are paved with fist size stones, and down many National Geographic side roads. Having a great time -- and I am healthy!



Armed guards patrol our compound and we are not allowed out the gate. So my adventure in the dangerous areas and up back roads in the mountains with Mario Zani had some risk!!! You would love to drive down here -- there are no rules -- you just blow your horn to let other drivers know that you are coming through -- lots of traffic fatalities but its a real rush to drive -- an adrenaline rush -- kind of like a high speed bumper car ride at the amusement park!!!

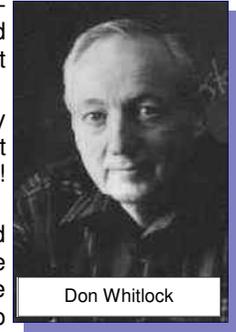
This morning for breakfast we ate fried plantain, mashed black beans, and

Wish List

We can put to very good use any aircraft or aircraft parts.

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scrambled eggs -- the fruits looked wonderful but I didn't dare indulge -- I think I will eat only salads when I get back home!!! Interestingly avocados grow wild here -- on the sidewalks you have to be careful not to step



Don Whitlock

on the ones that have fallen off the tree. And they look so good on a salad -- but Montezuma is also here and ready for revenge!!! When I get home -- no rice or beans!!!!

It is 3:00 AM we are up and ready to head to the bus to the airport and our flight home. It was a good trip. The aviation ministry appears to have a lot of potential. I will be interested in how we can support this endeavor from our base in Kansas. Will be

The Faith Promise

The Faith Promise is something a little different than a pledge. In making a faith promise you pray asking God how much He would provide through you for the need at hand. The promise is simply to pass on what God provides. It may be funds that you already have or you may make a faith promise trusting God to provide additional funds to meet the need.

The covenant is between you and God alone. MidWest Missionair keeps records solely to provide you with a receipt for tax purposes. Should God not provide you with sufficient funds no statements or reminders will be

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