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# Year End Report

by Gordon Blackie, President - Midwest Missionair

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."*

I was a bit shocked when I realized that it has been almost six months since our last newsletter but that six months has revealed aspects of God's plan that we had not expected (at least not this year).

First of all you will notice that we have a new address.



Since we acquired the Aztec we had been building a hangar to use for repairs and maintenance

at Garnett, Kansas. This was over an hour drive from our home and so the long term goal was to move to Garnett in a year or two.



Then shortly after sending our last newsletter we returned home from a promotional flight to Calgary, Canada to find water running out of the basement doors. A pipe had burst and flooded all but two rooms! Our house was uninhabitable. We

were out of a place to live and since our offices had been in this house we were out of a place to run MidWest Missionair and our electrical contracting business.

Renovations would take months so we had no choice but to move out. We quickly found a new office for our electrical business as we needed to keep it going and made room for MidWest Missionair's office at the new location in Paola, Kansas.

After a month in a motel we began to realize that we might as well go ahead and get a house in Garnett and just sell the old house after renovations were complete.

That's the short very abbreviated version of our last six months. It was a hard six months but God has now provided a permanent base of operations and office for MidWest Missionair which we would have taken two years to establish!

We got into our new home in Garnett in late September and have been organizing the hangar for the past two months.

As things started to settle down we turned our efforts to doing a trip to Honduras hoping to go in early November but again God had other plans.

We were originally going to work on a water purification project, but as we

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## FINANCIAL REPORT

To be bluntly honest, this has been a tough year. Not that MidWest Missionair is alone, all missionaries have seen a pronounced downturn in giving this year.

As our activity increases, expenses will go up. We have completed all preparations and are ready to go into full operation.



## YOU CAN HELP

### Pray

Your prayer support is vital to our success. Please remember MidWest Missionair regularly in prayer.

### 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 monthly **faith promise** gift.

### Volunteer

Volunteers are needed:

Fund Raiser:

experienced in setting up and conducting fund raising.

Computer person:

to expand and maintain our web site.

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Our faithful supporters have made it possible to get ready to go but we must now increase activity to meet the need that is before us.

We need to make regular periodic trips in 2003 but to do this we must increase our income.

Will you please consider a financial gift? Better yet, consider a regular monthly faith promise of \$10, \$25, \$50 or even \$100.

Donations to MidWest Missionair are fully tax deductible.

### 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 will be issued.

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talked with our contact, Mike Gullickson, it became apparent that we should concentrate on what God has equipped us to do best.



Mike Gullickson

Many missionaries in Central America were in need of a regular reliable way to get supplies and people back and forth. So the purpose of the mission was changed to explore how MidWest Missionair could best provide this service. Mike began contacting other missionaries and a time was set to meet with them in Honduras.

The airplane was put in the hangar to do final maintenance and inspection before heading out. The oil pump for the left engine turbo system had been getting weak so we removed it and sent it out for overhaul. In the meantime, several other maintenance items on the engines were performed and new tires and brakes were installed.

All was going according to plan until a call came from the pump shop saying that they could not overhaul the pump we had sent. After several days of unsuccessful search, our parts man, Steve Baker, located three pumps in France but it would take several weeks to obtain them. Having found no other options we elected to get all three pumps, so that we would have one for the other engine and a spare. Then we trusted God and waited for international shipping and customs regulations to take their course.

As Thanksgiving approached we counted the days and realized we were out of time.

Reluctantly I called Mike to tell him that we would have to wait. December and early January are not good flying weather in the Caribbean so we set the last week of January as our target date.

On December 4th the pumps finally arrived. The delay had been long and disappointing and I had been getting discouraged but we now seemed to have turned the corner. First, I set about completing assembly of the left engine. Then Jerry Brockhaus phoned.

Jerry is our Chief Pilot and when the purpose of the mission changed we had hoped that he could accompany us to assist in planning the new venture. Unfortunately

nately his schedule was full and he would not be able to go on the first trip.

Jerry had not yet heard of the delay and was calling to see how the trip had gone. I relayed the sad story of the pumps and told him that we would now go the last week in January. "Oh," he immediately replied, "I'm free that week and I'll be able to go now!"

Our new aircraft is very small compared to the need. The only way we can hope to provide the service is to make frequent trips. It will be far too time consuming to ask one pilot to do all the flying. Our plan is to have several pilots to keep the plane going.

Originally we will have three pilots consisting of Jerry, Bev MacCallum and myself. Can you see how much better it will be to involve all three from the start?

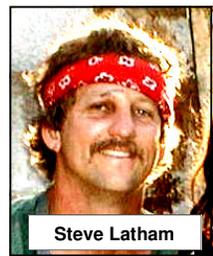
When Jerry said that he could now go my mind jumped back to our first missionary aviation flight several years ago. I had wanted Steve Latham to go. For many years Steve and I had worked and prayed for God to make a way but the



Gordon Blackie



Bev MacCallum



Steve Latham



Jerry Brockhaus

trip was planned for December and Steve's work schedule would not permit him to go. Then came word that that trip would be delayed to mid January. Steve, who is now one our board of trustees, was able to go and the rest is history.

### ***God is in control!!***

He has done much for us this year. We are constantly in a spiritual battle as Satan throws up roadblocks to discourage us. Once again we find ourselves totally in His hands. He has already done more than we expected this year.

During the delay the mission expanded. We met several other missionaries to Guatemala and Mexico that just happened to be visiting our area and they too have similar needs.

## ***Wish List***

**A Fundraising Coordinator to establish a yearly drive for financial support.**

**Additional regular monthly financial support to enable MidWest Missionair to make regular periodic flights.**

**All MidWest Missionair personnel are volunteers and do not draw salaries from your donations.**

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God willing, we are flying to Honduras on January 25, 2003. On the return we will visit missionaries in Guatemala City on January 31 and land back in Garnett on February 2.

The purpose of this trip is to contact missionaries and learn about their needs. Our goal is to build a program that best applies the assets that God has given us stewardship over. That is why it is so important that all of the leadership go on this first trip. At the moment we are full with one person on the standby list. Already the plane seems too small but if we are going to use it to the maximum. We must trust God to make up where we fall short. That will require planning as well as team effort. More than ever before we need prayer support. Please hold us up in prayer these next few months.

The need is definitely there! Even though we were unable to get to Honduras, word is out that we are coming and we have heard from seven other missionaries in Central America who would like our help. Please pray that He will provide and that we will be ready for the next window of opportunity in January.

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