

MidWest Missionair

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Year End Report

By Gordon Blackie, Pres.

2004 has been a year of preparation organization building for us personally and for MidWest Missionair. We have just moved the headquarters of our electrical contracting business to Garnett. This move has taken time from MidWest Missionair in the short run but with our work and mission in the same place we will now be able to give more time to the mission.

If we have learned anything this year, it is that God's timing and ways are different from ours and that His way is best. Two of our projects have taken much longer than originally hoped, but we have grown in other areas as a result. The following is a complete run down of this years projects together with a status report:

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Garnett Airport Days

The City of Garnett, Kansas, "America's Hometown", offers a rich history of traditional family life and values as well as a sense of future growth and opportunity.

Two years ago MidWest Missionair chose Garnett as home base and having settled in, we invited the town for a time of family fun as a way of introducing ourselves.

September 25 was town yard sale day and after folks made the rounds in search of hidden treasures they joined us at the airport.

The day began with a formation fly over by Wayne Harclerode, Jim Kapeller, and L. M. Town.

A moon walk was set up for the kids as well as rides in WW I biplanes piloted by snoopy himself.

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aided by Bev MacCallum and Wayne Harclerode gave free airplane rides. In all some 70 people took part in the air rides.

Several local aircraft owners added to the day by putting their planes on static display.

The theme of the day was to give of ourselves by helping others. We were invited to speak in several local churches.

Other groups were invited to present their programs. The Church of the Nazarene and Hospitals of Hope presented displays.

By the end of the day it was obvious that a good time was had by all.

We hope to have a similar event next year to promote both the idea of sharing with others and the airport itself.

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.

Philippians 4:6 NLT



Florida Hurricane Relief

You Can Help

Please help MidWest Missionair:

- Make or renew your monthly faith promise for \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100 or more.
 - We are anticipating an increase in payments on our aircraft loan due to increased interest as of January 1, 2005.
 - A DSL line for our hangar to check technical repair data and aviation weather—\$50/mo.
- Help with the following immediate needs.
 - Insurance renewal for 2005 will be due in January at about \$3000
 - Our shop air compressor has died and must be replaced at a cost of about \$1500.
 - Fiberglass repair tools & materials \$800
 - Sheet aluminum and rivets to rebuild engine cowlings \$700.

Please make a Faith Promise to further the work in 2005.

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Those of you who are familiar with our history will recall that MidWest Missionair received much help from a group named Missionair in Kissimmee, Florida before we were officially established as a Kansas Non-Profit Corporation.

We have learned that the Florida group has been hit hard by Hurricane Charlie and that both of their aircraft received major damage.

Todd Koenig, Steve Latham and Gordon, Blackie recently went to Kissimmee to help. As it turned out the most pressing need was to do repairs at the base camp and we spent several days doing carpenter and electrical repairs and removing dangerous hanging tree branches.

At this writing we are hoping to take part in aircraft repair but are still researching how this can be done. There is a possibility of mounting an effort after the holiday season. Watch for details. If you are interested in helping please let us know and be sure that we have your correct email address.

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Ongoing Projects:

- Aircraft Painting—Scope of the project has expanded to include rebuilding of engine cowlings and landing gear doors. Projected completion is March/April 2005.
- New Hope VBS Bus—Most exterior work is complete and we are now working on the interior
- Establish Permanent Base of Operations—Office and overhaul facility now completed at Garnett, KS.
- Organization Development— Expanded board of directors with the addition of Bev MacCallum. Trent Stanley to join staff as apprentice mechanic.
- Organizational Promotion— This year was concentrated on our new home at Garnett, KS

New Efforts for 2004:

- Pilot Mechanic School— Established and operating.
- Disaster Relief—See Hurricane relief story on page one.
- Reverb—Provided facilities to assist in start-up of this new ministry to the un-churched.

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Prayer Request

MidWest Missionair began as an all volunteer organization and to date has continued to function on that basis. I believe as a start-up strategy this was correct, but it has become apparent that if there is no one who can give his/her full attention to the organization our scope of operation will be limited.

I have supported myself through an electrical business but I am approaching retirement and have already taken significant steps to turn the day-to-day operations to others.

I have recently wondered if it is time to take a leap of faith and make MidWest Missionair a full time endeavor. As my family has grown and gone out on their own my financial needs have shrunk but I would still need some financial support and would need to see some increase in regularly monthly contributions.

I am content to continue as a volunteer but lately have been wondering if pride in self sufficiency is interfering with God's will.

Will you please join me as I seek God's will in this matter?

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Trent Stanley



As of Jan 2005 Trent Stanley will join the MidWest Missionair staff. Trent has been a major player in the Aztec restoration project.

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