



**AVIATION MISSIONS,  
INC.**

**MISSION BRIEFING ARCHIVES**



## *SUMMER 2003*

First, let me praise our Lord for His faithfulness. Of course, He can not but be faithful. He is God and changes not. God has answered prayer and met needs in His way and for His glory. He is to be praised and worshipped.

Since the last newsletter, our second grandson was born again and baptized. His Daddy lead him to the Lord at the age of 4 ½. More Daddy's should be leading their children to the Lord rather than depending upon the Sunday School teacher or Pastor. Thank God for faithful Sunday School teachers and Pastors. But the primary responsibility for the spiritual wellbeing of the children is the father.

God answered prayer for my Mother's surgery. Ten years ago she had major cancer surgery and the doctor was able to get all of it then. Just recently, the doctor detected another kind of cancer and she underwent major surgery again. The operation was on a Wednesday, and we took her home from the hospital the next day. The doctor was very pleased with the surgery and her recovery went extremely well. He was able to get all of the cancer this time also. The doctor is a committed practicing Christian unashamed of the fact that he is saved. My mother was not only in God's hands, but He chose to put her in the hands of one of His own doctors. Praise the Lord for His faithful watch care over His own.

In January, we were contacted by a missionary's family for help. The missionary, in his 60's, had broken his leg and had internal injuries. The family was trying to get him back to the States from Nicaragua. In the process of helping them, we became aware of a Baptist medical team that travels through Central America. This will help us in the future in getting medical aid to a missionary while waiting for evacuation. We were able to counsel the family on cautions to be exercised in flying at altitude with internal injuries and the need to have him stabilized prior to flying. This was accomplished and he was finally able to get to medical facilities back home. Our part was a very small part, but the family expressed much gratitude for our counsel and comfort as we conversed during the process. Tears of joy and relief were shed and God was praised through it all.

We are in the final preparations to "hit the road" for missions conferences and preaching across the country. This is for a twofold reason. First, we must raise support for the conduct of this ministry. Second, we must make pastors and missionaries aware of this ministry God has entrusted to us so they can make use of it if necessary.

There are some immediate needs for the ministry. Please pray with us for God to supply about \$12,000 to cover the cost of books, prayer cards, equipment, hardware, and software for the ministry. Also, we are in need of a motor home as we look at approximately 100,000 to 150,000 miles on the road in the next couple of years. We must move the ministry office into the motor home and continue operations as normal. This presents unique challenges. Unique challenges require unique solutions and we serve a unique God who moves in unique (mysterious) ways. It is exciting to watch as God works in the lives of His people as they get involved in this ministry.

As always, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

In His Service,

Paul McCaulley  
 President  
 1 Cor. 10:31



## SPRING 2004

*The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way. Psalm 37:23*

This verse means a lot to those who travel; especially when the power steering pump fails on the motor home. We parked behind the Freightliner repair station in Cheyenne, WY waiting for the pump to arrive so the mechanics could get us on our way to the next conference. But this unanticipated stop did not catch the Lord by surprise.

It seems that no matter how hard I tried or how many calls I made, I could not schedule a meeting for February 29<sup>th</sup>. Now I know why. First, the Lord had an appointment for us to meet a man at the Freightliner dealership in Cheyenne. After talking with him for a while, I asked where he went to church. He said he drove an hour and a half to get to church. I asked why so long. He said he drove that far so he could hear good expository preaching. The word expository is not used that often when talking with Christians, let alone the “man in the street”. I asked about his church and his personal relationship to Jesus Christ. Not only is he saved and loves the Word, he is a direct descendent of Jonathan Edwards, the great preacher of years ago. The longer we talked, the sweeter the fellowship. I looked at him as he told about teaching his Sunday School class of young boys about God and wondered what Jonathan Edwards looked like and sounded like. He would certainly be proud of one of his offspring.

The second reason to have the power steering pump fail at that time was so we could miss a blizzard. Had we proceeded on our trip as planned, we may have been caught in open country without a place to hunker down. We thank our Lord that He orders the steps of His servants.

God was so good to this ministry at the Home Missions Conference at Heartland Baptist Bible College in January. The pastors and people at the conference pledged a little over \$8000 for the needed satellite hardware to stay in communications with the outside world while traveling across the US. We continue to receive more contacts at AMI through the internet than through the telephone. Because of scheduling conflicts with the installer, the equipment was installed in April. We praise the Lord for His goodness and the faithfulness of His people to give. Donations ranged from \$5 from a missionary’s daughter to \$1000 each from a couple of churches. The copies of the book on the blood of Christ for the pledges have been shipped.

Please pray with us that God will continue to fill our schedule for the remainder of this year and next year. Our greatest need at this time is for monthly support. The conferences we have attended have been tremendously blessed of God. Christians are committing themselves to our Lord for whatever He is committed to in them. The preaching has been well received and the altars used by God’s people as they get better acquainted with Him.

We were contacted (through the internet) by a man who needed to transport a Christian brother who is bedridden. We were able to put him in contact with an organization that operates a turbine engine aircraft that can accommodate a stretcher, oxygen, and other medical equipment. We are waiting to hear back how that went. Please pray for AMI as we continue to contact organizations with aircraft that they will be willing to cooperate in these situations. Also, we need to go through our entire database to update contact numbers. Seems that one missionary aviation organization closed down and another changed all their numbers. It is a never ending task to keep up with them.

As always, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

In His Service,  
Paul & Anita McCaulley  
1 Cor. 10:31



**SUMMER/FALL 2004**

*“Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.” 1 Thessalonians 5:24  
 “But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”  
 Philippians 4:19*

These verses mean one thing academically; but, when you determine to live by them and experience the joy and adventure of the Christian life, they take on a whole new freshness and meaning. When we turned our schedule completely over to the Lord, we noticed a few things. The schedule of meetings did not seem to make sense according to the way we think today. Scheduling is done to maximize efficiency and effectiveness from a business perspective. When God does the scheduling, it is done from an eternal perspective, the results can only be attributed to Him, and only He gets the glory.

While attending a missionary aviation conference in out-of-the-way Wisconsin recently, we met a missionary to the Caribbean islands who has two small airplanes. After fellowshipping for a short time, I asked him if he knew a man with the same last name as his. He said, “Yes, that is my brother.” His brother had contacted AMI last year requesting help in transporting an elderly retired Bible professor who was paraplegic and required close medical attention. We were able to help him to get in contact with a man who had the appropriate type of aircraft to accomplish that flight. But there is more. The missionary pilot said his brother was moving to Tucson, AZ and was looking for a church and did I know of any good churches in the area. Of course, I was able to direct him to a good church in Tucson. This missionary pilot also gave me his location in the islands and the type of aircraft he operates and offered to be available any time we need emergency flights within his reach. I added more aircraft to our database. Praise the Lord.

Our schedule took us from a church in Arkansas one Sunday to a church in California the next Sunday: two thousand one hundred miles between meetings. Watching God at work is always exciting. When we left Oklahoma for the meeting in Arkansas, we had enough diesel fuel to make it to the Arkansas meeting and that was it. There wasn't enough money or diesel to get any further. But God said go. So we went. While in the meeting in Arkansas, a lady handed me a \$100 bill. I tried to be kind and not take it, but she insisted. The church gave us a love offering that was more than sufficient to pay for diesel fuel to get to California. What we didn't know was that we would develop engine problems on the way. Several hours before reaching Albuquerque, we were only able to get 45 mph on flat ground; hills were even worse. In Albuquerque, the repair shop replaced a clogged fuel filter. The unexpected cost was \$126.00. We had the \$26, and added the \$100 from that lady to get back on the road. God knew we would need that \$100 and sent her to provide it in advance. To God be all the glory for His faithfulness.

The meetings have been tremendous as we watch God's people make themselves available to Him to be used by Him in whatever way He sees fit for the cause of missions. Christians are recommitting themselves to God and volunteering for duty. This has been an encouragement to this old soldier.

Please pray with us that God will supply our needed monthly support soon so that we may get back to the duties awaiting us in AMI. Also, pray for good weather as we travel through the northwest again this fall and early winter.

In His Service,

Paul & Anita McCaulley  
 1 Cor. 10:31



## WINTER 2004/2005

*Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah. I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye. Psalm 37:7, 8*

The last couple of months have been busy. After having the laptop hard drive wiped clean to eliminate a virus, it has taken until just recently to get our data back up to date. We lost about a year's worth of data. Our thanks to Marshall Stevens and Jim Ridley of Calvary Baptist Church of American Canyon, CA for their help in getting the ministry computer cleaned up and a lot more secure. We now back up all of our data almost weekly.

The Christmas break (?) had us helping our daughter to pack and get her furniture moved to Washington, D.C. where she will be working for the government. She has an advantage over most government workers in that she has read the last "chapter" and knows where this old world is heading and how it will end up.

We are in need of some technical help. Currently, we use eight different software programs and several databases in conducting the ministry. These are not easily interfaced and the structure is lacking standardization. The main program we need to use is ArcView GIS 3.3 to integrate data and quickly display it. However, this program is not user friendly. We are looking for someone proficient in ArcView who could help us to understand how to use the program effectively and design the database for input into the program. If any one knows of such a person, please get in touch with me and let me know.

Also, we are attempting to redesign our databases before they get any bigger. If someone could help in database design directed toward specific programs, we would be very grateful. Ideally, if we could put all eight software programs in a pot, shake it up, cook it down, and produce a single application for the ministry, that might be the easiest for us to use.

On New Year's Day, I received two calls for assistance in getting missionary families flown to be with loved ones. The first call came from western Brazil. The couple had just learned of the sudden death of their son, leaving a wife and three precious little children. All we could do was give some advice about how to approach the airlines for special treatment and what documents to have when they talked to an airline representative. I would like to thank Pastor Dave Brown of Yakima, WA and Bro. Bob Drinkhouse in Phoenix, AZ for their help in understanding the process.

The second call came later that night around 7:30pm. A missionary couple who were in NW Texas had just learned that their son had been placed on life support and could we fly them to Louisiana. We were unable to find anyone that late on New Year's Day to help fly them down to LA. They drove straight thru about 18 hours to be with their son. That makes for a very long trip. In a time like that, we wish we had an aircraft in AMI.

During the missions conference in Tampa, FL, with Bro. Bruce Turner, in late January, I received a call at 8:30pm, Saturday night from Bro. Roger Green asking if we could help get a missionary airlifted from Mexico. I started making calls immediately and continued until well after midnight. The next morning, I made calls until Sunday School started. I informed Bro. Turner of the need. He opened Sunday School with prayer for this 61 year old diabetic missionary who had crushed both ankles and leg bones three days earlier and who was told by the Mexican doctors that he must get back to the USA for proper treatment before gangrene set in. When Bro. Turner started praying, my cell phone buzzed. I stepped out to take the call. An airplane had been identified and would fly down and get him on Monday to take him to Fort Worth where he had family. I got a call a little after 8:00pm Monday night from inside the ambulance from his son telling me that his dad was on the way to the hospital. Of course, we rejoiced.

I talked with his son recently and learned that his dad, missionary to the Mexican people whom he loved so dearly, went home to be with His Lord Friday, Feb 4<sup>th</sup>. Eleven doctors were working on him; but, God's timing is perfect and called him home. His son said that the whole family was so thankful that his dad was able to be with his family and grandkids for a couple of weeks before going home. They had such a sweet time of fellowship. We are saddened at his home going; yet rejoice in the knowledge that he is with Jesus. We have lost a front line soldier, a hero of the faith.

I wish to express my thanks to Bob Warinner with Wings as Eagles for helping to start the ball rolling that involved many people in doing whatever they could to get this missionary evacuated.

This year we will be working to increase the number of organizations and aircraft cooperating with AMI in our effort to provide support to our missionaries. This will involve many hours on the phone and trips to meet with the leadership of these organizations. All of this while we are in the middle of deputation. Please pray with us that God will move on the hearts of pastors and people to become co-laborers with AMI and start providing monthly support to this ministry. We thank God for those churches who are now co-laboring with us.

Also, please make it a matter of prayer that we will be able to get more meetings scheduled in 2005. At these meetings, we not only are looking for monthly support but are meeting pastors and missionaries that help us get the word out about AMI.

We wish to thank those who have been praying for us while we are on the road. It has been evident that God's people have been praying as we watch Him work on our behalf, day by day, mile by mile.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Paul & Anita McCaulley, 1 Cor. 10:31



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### *SPRING 2005*

*“..but first gave their own selves to the Lord” 2 Cor. 8:5b*

We are now home in Oklahoma City for several weeks getting the windshield replaced in the motor home and extensive fiberglass repairs done to the front. The windshield and front of the coach had some chips and dings from an encounter with a gravel dump truck that pulled suddenly in front of us while gravel was falling off of the truck and peppering the coach. After the windshield cracks started getting longer and splitting the windshield, I decided that for safety's sake, we better get it replaced. Fortunately, our insurance covered the entire repair minus the deductible. We should be back on the road in a couple of weeks.

This past Spring we were able to watch God at work in the lives of His people. We were privileged to be invited to the first annual missions conference of a church in Pennsylvania. God was glorified and pleased. This church, in its infancy as a Bible study group before calling a pastor, took on two missionaries for monthly support. The church has been missions minded since then. Dr. John Halsey preached for the conference on the theme of Faith Promise. The people responded to the leading of the Holy Ghost and when they took up their commitments for the next year were able to more than double their missions giving. This they were able to do because they first gave of themselves. We rejoiced as we watched and listened while God was working.

While preaching in Texas on doing more than giving and praying, I asked a rhetorical question about Saul of Tarsus going to Damascus. I had never had this happen before. A young girl of 10-12 years of age raised her hand. I had already noticed her intensity in listening and that her attention was on the message. Well, I stepped down from the platform and let her answer the question. We had a little discussion for a minute or two, and then went back to preaching. The thrust of the message was to go beyond praying for missionaries and giving money to missions and to get personally involved doing something for missionaries, evangelists, pastors, etc. We exhorted the folk to be available to God for whatever He would want to do through them.

After the service, this same young girl came up to us at our table and said that God had laid on her heart the children of missionaries, especially those who may not have any friends their age on the foreign field. She wanted to write to them and encourage them on a regular basis. We told her that the preacher would be glad to give her the names and addresses of the children for her to write to. We rejoiced at the tenderness of such a sweet young child and wondered out loud, “Oh, that God's people could grasp that vision!”

We want to thank the new churches that have taken us on for support and for being such a tremendous encouragement to us. The fellowship of the saints, though over a great distance, remains sweet and refreshing.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

*Paul & Anita McCaulley*

*1 Cor. 10:31*



## SUMMER 2005

*Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers; Which have borne witness of thy charity before the church: whom if thou bring forward on their journey after a godly sort, thou shalt do well: Because that for his name's sake they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles. We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellowhelpers to the truth. 3 John 5-8*

God has opened a three week hole in our schedule enabling us to be back in Oklahoma City to take care of some needful things, such as preparing the house for sale. We feel that God would have us sell the house in Oklahoma City where we have lived for 25 years and move full time into the ministry motor home. Our home base will remain in Oklahoma City and our sending church will remain the same. Please pray with us that God will have His will and way in this matter.

Since our last newsletter, we have been in churches and conferences from Missouri to Maryland to Utah to Texas to Ohio to Arkansas with some repeat trips back and forth to these states. It has been our privilege to meet along the way some of the pastors and parents of HBBC students. These have been special times of blessing as we talk about the students and what God is doing in their lives.

We have met missionaries on deputation and those home on furlough who have told us stories of those they know who have had to evacuate for medical or other reasons on short notice. Also, I am finding that many more of our missionaries than I originally thought are on the field with little to no insurance, especially aero medical evacuation coverage. Several missionaries have asked concerning communications from the field and I have been able to make some recommendations to them for when they get on their specific field.

The young people in the churches where we have been have been very receptive to missions. They want to get involved now in some way and are open to God's will for their lives for whatever He would have them do after graduating. We praise Him for these young people and their availability for His work.

I received three calls for assistance on the same day just a couple of weeks ago. A 17 year old missionary's daughter with ruptured ovaries needed evacuated from Mongolia, a 12 year old missionary's son with a growth near his heart choking off the blood supply needed evacuated from Trinidad, and a 56 year old missionary lady with a broken hip needed transported from southern Mexico. This was our busiest day yet. I did what little I could to help get them in touch with those who could get them out or recommended certain courses of action they should pursue. I was able to confirm for one family that the \$16,500 cash up front requested by the air ambulance company was not out of the ordinary for their situation. **Please pray for your missionaries.**

Please continue to pray that God will move through His people and provide more churches to co-labor with us in taking care of our missionaries in an emergency.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

*Paul & Anita McCaulley*

*1 Cor. 10:31*



## WINTER 2005/2006

*I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him. Ecclesiastes 3:14*

The last break from traveling gave me the time needed to do some research on aero medical evacuation coverage for our missionaries at minimal cost to the missionary or sending church. The part of our ministry that focuses on evacuation consists of three categories. The first category is coordinating **tactical evacuation**. This involves the use of missionary aircraft already deployed on the mission field by missionary agencies that are willing to help during emergency situations. Also included in this category are those private aircraft owners we can locate who would be willing to cooperate in emergencies to conduct evacuations. Costs to the missionary for these flights are after the emergency flight.

The second category is assisting missionaries to obtain evacuation by **air ambulance** to the proper medical facility. This is where great expense has been incurred in the past by those on the field requiring aero medical evacuation.

The third category is assisting missionary families to coordinate evacuation of non-critical patients by **commercial airlines**.

Assisting missionaries in evacuation by air ambulance is the category that presents our greatest challenge in AMI. We were able to spend some time researching the various options to better prepare our missionaries for these types of contingencies. We are very close to completing an aspect of this ministry that missionaries and sending churches may participate in (for an annual fee) and will meet the need in a timely fashion on the field while exercising good stewardship of God's resources.

The air ambulance costs that could be associated with the calls for help we received in the last 18 months alone would total over \$200,000 of God's money from sending churches. This new part of AMI's ministry will allow for better stewardship of God's resources by sending churches and missionaries, and in the process may save lives and reduce the severity of injuries and illnesses. That same amount of money could provide coverage for over 400 families for a year. For more information on this ministry, please call and I will be glad to discuss it with you. Even pastors who make missions trips or who travel and have potential health issues should consider looking into this ministry. Also, information will be posted at the AMI web site in the near future.

We are looking forward with excitement to the meetings and conferences ahead in 2006 and 2007. Our travel will take us once again from coast to coast, mountains to prairie, and many places in between.

We hope to include in our travels this year visits with our supporting churches to report on more than can be covered in the newsletter and just to enjoy the fellowship of some of God's sweetest saints.

Once again, it is our prayer that the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

In His Service,

*Paul & Anita McCaulley*

*1 Cor. 10:31*



## SUMMER 2006

“I would be very interested to hear your insights on this situation (loss of air support for a hospital in Central Africa jungle) and would covet your advice and prayers regarding how God may be directing our paths.” (from a missionary candidate)

“Our family prays for you each week during our family devotions and would enjoy receiving your updates on your ministry. You can send them to ... Suriname Looking forward to receiving your ministry updates”. (missionaries to Suriname)

*“Thanks for your email. I'm encouraged by your willingness to offer help in this project. I'm thrilled with the idea in some ways, however, I'm desiring someone to "mentor" me through the transition to flying in Africa, if that is how the Lord leads. Certainly, flying in Africa has it's own set of challenges and risks that I will never run in to here in the states.” (a layman pilot wishing to become a missionary pilot)*

“I am convinced that God has given me a direction to become a pilot and to fly for Him. If you have any wisdom or solutions that can help me to achieve this goal please write to me and let me know.” (retired military)

*“Bro. McCaulley, I was with you at (the) missions conference in ... Ohio when you presented your work. I am getting ready to leave for the Philippines. What is the probability of air transport through your ministry for my family and me in the event of some emergency? I have 7 in my family.” (missionary to the Philippines)*

“Urgent aviation need- please respond. Would you be able to take a team from Manaus, Brazil to Tefe, Brazil? If so, what would be the cost for a 5-7 person team. The dates would be either July 18 or 19th and return on 23 or 24th.” (a mission team in Brazil)

*“You visited our church, in ... Florida, and I wanted to ask you to pray with me for God's will concerning my life. I am currently only 10 hours from completing my private pilots license and will be continuing through Instrument and commercial ratings. Your ministry touched my heart and I want the Lord to use me if he can to help you in any capacity I am qualified. Please pray with me that God will continue to us you and if He sees fit to use me also.” (a young man available to God)*

“Brother McCaulley, can you help me get to the many islands of the West Indies to plant churches and leave a national pastor in place. There is no commercial air service or boat service to these islands?” (phone call from a missionary in Puerto Rico)

These are a sample of the e-mails and phone calls I received so far this year. The response to the ministry of AMI has been very encouraging. I am excited about men, young and old, who have a desire to serve God, possibly in missionary aviation. Please pray for the mission in the West Indies as we bring together a pilot and a missionary to plant churches on remote islands.

AMI has partnered with MedJetAssist to provide worldwide air ambulance evacuation for missionary families. AMI provides the umbrella for group rates to reduce the cost. Southwest Baptist Church will be paying for the memberships for the missionary families sent out of SWBC. Other churches and a small mission group out of New York are going to do the same. Pastors and evangelists also are taking advantage of this ministry. In the near future, more information will be posted on the AMI web site along with a link to an application page. Pray for us as we travel and talk with sending churches about their opportunity to exercise good stewardship and take care of their own missionaries in this regard. More on this partnership ministry in future letters.

God is to be glorified as He works through available vessels to accomplish His purpose in these last days before the imminent return of our Lord.

*Paul & Anita McCaulley*

*1 Cor. 10:31*



## FALL 2006

*A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps. Proverbs 16:9*

July and August were busy months sorting through everything we own trying to decide what to keep and what to sell. It is amazing how much stuff can accumulate after 26 years in one house. We dreaded having a garage sale because of the time it would take away from the ministry. Of course, God provided a solution. Our realtor's daughter, who went to elementary school with our daughter, works for her father now and is a garage sale expert. She and her husband organized the whole thing, advertised, and conducted the sale for us. She was able to sell literally everything we had. There was nothing left over but the dust in some corners. I am surprised she didn't sell that. We stored a few things we really want to keep, but sold all the furniture, household items and tools. Some of that *stuff* had very special memories attached from raising our two children and having our grandchildren visit the house. The proceeds came at a needy time and met some needs of the ministry.

We continue to have our house up for sale. Please pray with us that God will provide a buyer soon so that we can be free of that responsibility that takes time from our ministry. We are confident that God's timing is always perfect and His faithfulness never fails.

No sooner had we finished moving a lot of our stuff around than we found out that our daughter had to move – with two weeks notice. She was scheduled to be gone during that time for schooling, so we went to Virginia to help her find a place and move.

After finishing with our daughter, I received a call that my Dad, who is 87, fell and broke his hip which the doctors then replaced with an artificial hip. We are with my Mom and Dad for a little while to help as we can during his recovery and therapy.

I continue to work on the project aimed at getting a missionary to some outer islands in the West Indies to plant churches and leave a national pastor in place. I have met with the pilot that should be able to provide the air transportation and he is excited about the project.

The air ambulance coverage project is going well and more pastors and missionaries are coming on board as they realize the gap in coverage not only for missionaries, but for pastors and evangelists. Information on the project is now at the AMI web site as well as an application form to take advantage of the group rates offered under AMI. I must reemphasize that AMI receives nothing from this project. Because we do not receive anything, the discount for missionaries and pastors is greater. In the near future, the rates should drop as more people enroll in the program.

We attended a couple of missionary aviation conferences and met more missionary pilots and organizations willing to help us help our missionaries. We also saw some needs developing in the area of missionary aviation. We visited a missionary aviation school that is being closed down after more than 32 years of service, helping to put dozens of missionary pilots on the field. It is not yet clear what God has in mind to fill this developing gap in missionary preparation.

My schedule for 2007 is starting to come together as we look forward to another year serving Him and His servants.

In His Service,

*Paul & Anita McCaulley*

*1 Cor. 10:31*



## WINTER 2006-2007

*Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen. Eph. 3:20, 21*

“Do you want an airport?”

While I was under the engine of the motor home changing the fuel filter, my cell phone rang and a voice on the other end asked that question. After taking a few minutes to gather my senses and recover from the initial shock, I had a very interesting discussion with a Christian businessman who had just started the acquisition process for two airports. As much as I would love to get an airport, that does not fall within the scope of this ministry. We discussed possibilities and recommendations for about an hour.

Winter travel in the motor home is challenging to say the least. While we were in Utah, the temperature dropped to 4 degrees one night. It was in the teens for several days. We were stuffing towels and blankets in drafty nooks and crannies throughout the coach. That big windshield radiated a lot of cold air inside. The whole time was a learning experience.

January 17<sup>th</sup> our second granddaughter was born. To put it the way a Russian Christian translator put it, “She appeared on the 17<sup>th</sup>.” Mother, daughter, and family are doing well. We praise God for a safe and healthy delivery.

Please continue to pray that our Lord will be pleased to have our house sell. We know that His timing is perfect.

Once again, I received an e-mail requesting information and help as the result of a missionary picking up our card at a church and then giving that card to friends who need help. The prayer cards are turning into our best tool to spread the word about AMI. The request involved a missionary couple serving on a small island approximately 1500 miles from Papua New Guinea.

The web site continues to bring in requests. The latest request came from Mongolia. I thank God for the opportunity to minister to our missionaries on the far out front lines.

Several evangelists have had their sending churches agree to provide the air ambulance coverage available under AMI through the partnership with MedJetAssist. This was much needed in a couple cases due to preexistent medical conditions.

My schedule for this year is starting to fill slowly but surely. We thank God for the opportunities to minister for Him on the deputation trail. The churches have been a blessing to us and we have enjoyed the tremendous fellowship with some of God’s finest saints. Please pray with us that God will raise the rest of our support so that we may become full time and expand the scope of coverage for aviation support of our missionaries.

In His Service,

*Paul & Anita McCaulley*

*1 Cor. 10:31*



*Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.*  
 1Co 10:31

March/April 2007

God used us to help evacuate a missionary from Cape Verde, Africa who had been very seriously injured in a car accident. It took two hours to cut him out of the van. He had 20 breaks in the bones on his right side from the ankle to the upper arm. His wife, back in West Virginia, had been trying for three days to get him flown out when I became aware of the situation. He had been without antibiotics or pain medicine since the accident. She wanted him flown back to Greenville, SC. After a couple of calls, I was able to get them lined up with MedJetAssist who flew him back to Greenville.

When he arrived back in the US, he still had a bone protruding from his leg. Seven surgeries later, he is on his way to recovery and is planning on a mission trip in September. We praise the Lord for His watch care and that this missionary will be back on the front lines in several months.

The cost to supporting churches was \$84,500. Had he been a member of MedJetAssist through AMI, an annual membership would have cost \$205 with total and complete coverage; and he would have been home three days earlier. I was also able to help his wife deal with some of the problems involved in the evacuation, such as an uncooperative embassy worker.

I stopped by his home in West Virginia to visit with him and his family for a while. He is recuperating and healing very well. We talked of God's watch care through it all and his plans to get back on the field.

During an opening in my schedule, I planned to stop over and visit with Pastor Dave Brown in Yakima, WA. Brother Brown is on the AMI advisory board. He asked that we come over for his missions conference. We discussed what God is doing through AMI and how He put together our partnership with MedJetAssist. During the conference he received a call from a young missionary in Cambodia who had just spent the whole day researching how he could get air evacuation coverage for his family. Brother Brown handed me the phone and I was able to talk with him concerning air evacuation coverage for about half the price he found. Since I recommend that sending churches obtain this coverage for missionaries out of their church, I mentioned it to Brother Brown. A couple days later, he got a call from a lady who heard our presentation during the conference. God immediately started working in her heart. Without anyone mentioning to her the situation with the Cambodian missionary, God laid it on her heart to increase her Faith Promise giving enough to cover the cost of the family membership. It is exciting to watch God work – even in places we had not planned to be in, but He just happened to lead us there at that exact time. God is Sovereign and He is in control.

There remains much to do in preparation for helping to evacuate our missionaries in emergency situations. Please pray with us that God will provide our monthly support quickly so that we may concentrate on the ministry of AMI to be in a better position to help our missionaries.

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## SUMMER 2007

Early this summer, a problem developed with the vision in my left eye. The eye doctor I visited in Virginia couldn't pin down the cause, so I was referred to a specialist for a more detailed examination. God's timing is always perfect. One of the finest retina specialists was located in the area where we were. He found the problem and put our minds at ease with his report that there was no serious injury.

During an opening in our schedule, we visited some churches in the area. Our intent was to be in church on Sunday and not schedule a meeting to present our ministry. But, again, God's timing is perfect. In one of the churches, another visitor in the services was a missionary on the way to the Kyrgyz Republic. He had some concerns regarding evacuation in case of medical emergency and, if necessary, repatriation of remains should he die. We were able to help him make arrangements for coverage and set up his plan for such emergencies.

The very next Sunday, while visiting another church, a young man talked with me at length after the service about his plans to serve God in missionary aviation. He had many questions and concerns about his preparation, training, qualifications, costs, and God's leading in it all. He had a heart for God, the support of his family and pastor, and now has an outline for the near future.

Parts of our satellite equipment have become outdated and the old technology is unable to communicate properly with the satellites (or something like that according to the technicians I spoke with). We need to update those parts in order to get back up and running properly. The cost will be approximately \$1900. That will solve the access problems and result in reduced monthly charges for service to our outdated equipment. Please pray with us that God will provide this need.

God has brought some very interesting people across our path this summer that may be able to help us help our missionaries during urgent situations. Others are catching the vision that more must be done to provide physical support to our missionary families as they continue the fight on the frontlines of the spiritual warfare we are engaged in.

I am considering sending future newsletters via email in pdf format. This will help in our stewardship of God's resources and reduce the workload involved. If you wish to receive the newsletter by email (which can then be printed out), please send your email address to [pres@aviationmissions.org](mailto:pres@aviationmissions.org). If I do not hear from you, we will continue to send them via postal mail. Thank you for your help in this matter.

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**DECEMBER 2007**

This has been a year to watch God at work in various ways accomplishing His purpose. We were privileged to be used by Him in ministering across the country and to help in the evacuation of a seriously injured missionary from Africa. We have received several calls for assistance from church members who have cancer and needed transport to a treatment facility. I was able to counsel several young men with regard to their desire to serve God on the mission field in the aviation ministry. Special blessings were ours as we visited several newly started churches and saw the excitement for serving our Savior.

We were tremendously encouraged by our supporting churches throughout the year as we received cards, letters, and phone calls from pastors and church members who wanted us to know that they were praying for us and our specific needs. God's timing is always perfect. Just when fatigue and boredom with traveling settle in, the phone rings. A church member just wanted to call and check to see how my eye trouble was doing and to let me know that they were praying for my healing. These phone calls, letters, and emails always seem to come when their impact is greatest and mean more than words can express.

Thank you for your faithfulness to God, your support of AMI, and your prayers. We can tell that folk are praying as we watch God answer their prayers in our lives and ministry. We continue to expect the unexpected along the road.

Our travels only amounted to about 22,000 miles last year as we had fewer meetings than expected. This gave me time to work on ministry development and making more contacts that can help during emergency situations. I met with the director of a large missionary aviation organization to coordinate future assistance for evacuations as necessary. I also attended a conference where God brought across my path a contact high up in our government that helped formulate an approach to meeting certain types of needs.

Our monthly support level is 35% and we thank you for your continued faithfulness to God for your sacrificial giving. Please pray with us that God will be pleased to complete our deputation next year by providing all of our needed support so that we can focus 100% of our time on the ministry.

During our travels across the country this year, it is our intention to stop by and visit with you all at some point. That will be dependent upon the time and location of the meetings God provides.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

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**WINTER 2007-2008**

We have taken several months to stay home in Oklahoma City to take care of matters that have gone undone for too long. Neither Anita nor I have been to a doctor in over a decade, so we thought it about time to get physical examinations and have some minor issues looked at that have been troubling us. That whole process was an experiment in patience going from appointment to appointment, waiting for results, and scheduling yet more appointments. While home, Anita broke a tooth in half eating a carrot. That had to be worked into an already busy schedule.

I did a lot of work to improve the house for sale. Hopefully, I should be able to finish that up in July when we get back to OKC for a couple weeks.

During this time, we were able to travel to a few meetings in Oklahoma, Texas, and Kansas. We thank the Lord for these opportunities to minister for Him and for the good times of fellowship.

MedJetAssist has offered a special rate to AMI for families with more than five children. It will involve considerable savings for these families as they get their coverage. I received several inquiries from overseas for evacuation coverage as well as local missionary aviation transport. God continues to bless as we work with missionaries to meet the goal of church planting.

The internship program for those who want to spend a short term mission trip in missionary aviation is coming along nicely. We have contacted some ministries with aircraft and are working out costs and details for the program. The whole cost of the mission trip will be borne by the intern, so we are working to keep those costs to a minimum. The focus of these ministries is evangelization and church planting – not the flying. The aircraft is just a tool.

In early March, I was able to meet with Dr. Paul Pritchard who we were able to help get evacuated after his serious van accident in Africa last year. We rejoiced as he told what great things God is doing through his ministry and how that accident was a definite part of God's plan. Again, our goal is to keep missions moving. But God seems to want them accelerated. The excitement continues to grow as we obey and keep up with God, to Him be all the glory.

The missions conference at Southwest Baptist Church was tremendous. We made new friends in the ministry and were able to help some in their planning for contingency evacuation and travel needs in the ministry.

Our schedule will take us through New England this Spring and Fall and into the heartland this summer. We are looking forward to what God is going to do for His glory.

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**APRIL/MAY/JUNE 2008**

Our travels for the last three months have taken us from Texas to Arkansas, Massachusetts, Maine, Rhode Island, Michigan, back to Arkansas, Utah, Minnesota and home to Oklahoma. To date, we have put over 127,000 miles on the motor home. The meetings have been encouraging and God has blessed in extraordinary ways.



It was my privilege to meet with Brother Todd Bell, a church planter in Maine, who also uses aircraft in the ministry. I had the opportunity to see what God has done in their behalf for that ministry. To God be the glory.

I continue to hear stories from pastors who know of a missionary family who at some time in the past needed evacuated. Hearing of these experiences and the difficulties involved have served to encourage us to press a little harder to publicize

this ministry. In that regard, I wish to thank Brother Doug Hammett, pastor of Lehigh Valley Baptist Church, for his advice and help in planning for a video presentation of this ministry. Now comes the hard part – time to put it together.

We have been able to get back to a few of our supporting churches to present an update of what God has been doing in AMI. We try to do this if the church is along the route we are taking to another meeting. We are being a bit more careful in trip planning to reduce the mileage involved due to diesel prices. I still plan to make every effort to stop and visit the churches later this year or early next year, Lord willing.



Upon arriving back in Oklahoma City, I learned of the evacuation from Russia to Oklahoma City in mid-May of missionary Ron Jackson's wife, Charla. From the initial call for help until arriving in OKC, Charla said that she was treated extremely well. The evacuation was timely and smooth once the Russians finally agreed to allow the aircraft into the country. Ron and Charla have a membership in

MedJetAssist. Their sending church provides memberships for the missionaries sent from the church. This is something that every sending church should consider for the missionaries they send. I am receiving inquiries from sending churches concerning planning for evacuation of their missionaries from their mission station back to the US.

My computer suffered another serious problem with the possibility of losing all the ministry data. God's sovereignty placed us back in OKC when this happened. My thanks to Dennis Rhodes, a member at our home church, for solving the problem and rescuing all the ministry data. Had this happened to us on the road, no telling what further damage I would have done.

Our monthly support continues to inch upwards. As soon as we are fully supported, we will be able to work on expanding our network of aircraft and hopefully provide coverage for those parts of the world we do not now have under our umbrella.

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## SUMMER 2008

In our last Mission Briefing, we told of missionary Ron Jackson's wife, Charla, who was evacuated from Russia by MedJetAssist air ambulance because of a problem pregnancy. Because Charla was able to be in Oklahoma and not in Russia, she received the treatment she needed that was not available in Russia. Ashlyn Grace Jackson, seven pounds six ounces, was born in mid-September. Both mother and daughter are doing fine.

Getting missionaries back in urgent situations to get the treatment and care they deserve and need so they can return to the mission field is what our ministry is all about. We praise God for His answers to prayer for His servants and for KEEPING MISSIONS MOVING.

On our way to New England for several meetings, I received a call from a pastor in Indiana asking for more information about medical evacuation coverage for missionaries out of his church. When he called, I was eight miles from the exit on I-70 that was a few miles south of his church. We met in the parking lot of a Flying J truck stop to give him materials and answer questions regarding medical evacuation. I continue to be amazed at how God works out our travels to be in just the right place at just the right time. That is part of the excitement of serving God by faith.

To God be the glory for what He accomplished in our meetings in New England last month. We saw two people come to know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior in the services. One was an elderly gentleman in a wheel chair and the other a young teenage girl. Many folk are renewing their commitment to be available to God for whatever He wants to accomplish through them. These are exciting times and the days ahead are looking brighter as people realize the sovereignty and power of their Heavenly Father.

My wife received a good report from her follow up appointment with the clinic. We praise God for His tender watch care over us.

I continue to hear the same thing over and over again after presenting this ministry in churches. "We just didn't understand what challenges our missionaries are facing." Just recently, a church member told me that he would like to help a missionary family, but didn't know any. We discussed ways in which he could meet and get to know missionary families. It is exciting watching God work in the hearts of His people across this country with regards to their commitment to the great commission as it applies to the foreign field.

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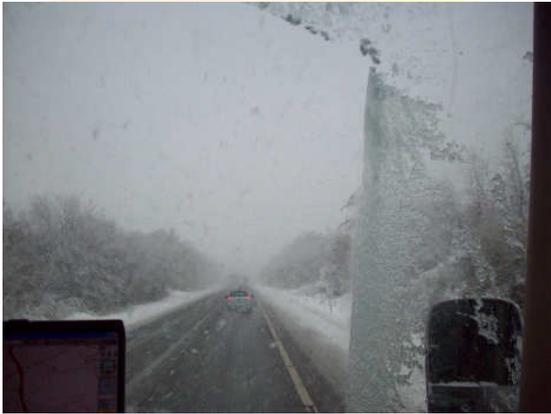
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“Texas is a long way from Maine!” This was the comment folks made to us as we were leaving our last meeting on the northern border of Maine to head for Texas for a series of meetings. That wasn’t my primary concern. Winter was coming on in the northeast and I wanted to get south before the first snow. Our motor home is not snow friendly. Every time we get on snow, it wants to swap ends.



We made it as far south as Hazelton, Pennsylvania before we got caught. Fortunately, we were able to drive out of it before serious accumulation. We thank the Lord for His watch care over us and for not letting our trips be boring.

Our meetings in Texas took us from Waxahachie to Keller to Killeen to the Fort Worth area and finally Cottdale. God blessed in these meetings as we met and made new friends in Christ.

December and January found me working as hard as I could to finish the work on the house in preparation for putting it back on the market for sale. My aim is to be ready by end of February.

During this period, I have received several calls requesting help in medical evacuation. One call for medevac was for a case where medical flight would be inappropriate; but, it was a desperate outreach for hope. These cases tug at the heart.

Another call was for medical evacuation from a hospital in Uganda. The patient wasn’t a missionary. She was the wife of a church member from the States and they were on a missions trip. Consequently, they were not members of MedJet. The cost to evacuate her by air ambulance was prohibitive. We talked with her parents in the States and recommended several courses of action. None of them were as simple or quick as MedJet, but would get her home. They are now recommending to their pastor that members who travel overseas to visit and work with missionaries get a membership in MedJet. That is good advice to consider.

On January 26<sup>th</sup>, during the ice storm that hit here, I was on the way home from an early morning dental appointment to fix a broken tooth when a car came from two lanes over and hit me on the right side of the Jeep. The impact sent the Jeep into a sideways skid that took me several oscillations to recover from and I was able to land off the road out of the way of following traffic. Fortunately, no one was hurt. The other driver’s insurance is paying to have our Jeep repaired. We thank God for His watch care over us.

Please pray with us that we will raise our support to 100% soon so that we can concentrate on helping those who need help – for preparation or evacuation.

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## SPRING 2009

At long last, the repair and remodeling of our house is completed. We placed it on the market in March. Our confidence is in the Lord and we know that He is not limited by the current economic situation. I want to thank Brother Tom LaSalle for his help putting in tile and sheet rock. I had never done these before and he was a patient teacher. While working on the house, I had the opportunity to witness to the Spanish speaking family that moved in next door. He spoke very little English and I absolutely no Spanish. I was thankful to have Spanish tracts to hand him.

One of the missionary families attending the missions conference at Southwest Baptist Church in March was Paul and Terry Pritchard and their daughters. (We were able to help get Paul evacuated from Cape Verde after a severe van accident two years ago when he sustained 22 broken bones.) He brought us up to date on what God is doing through him in the country of Guinea-Bissau.

We hit the road at the end of March. Our first stop was a missions conference in Carthage, MO with Brother Kent Hogan. The fellowship and spirit of that conference between the missionaries and the church folk was such an encouragement. We had the opportunity to renew our friendship with Jim and Mary Blume. Jim has been a missionary pilot in Papua New Guinea for 40 years.

The next stop was to visit my parents for a few days in Arkansas. While parked in an RV park, the owner asked me to preach the Easter Sunday morning service for the park. There were about 45-50 people gathered in what is called a Pickin' Shed. The singing was old time singing and the folk were receptive to the message. The plan of salvation was incorporated into the resurrection story. Preaching in a Pickin' Shed for people from all over the country was exciting.

From there, it was off to Lincoln, NE to be with Brother Merv Goodrick and Fellowship Baptist Church. We spent the weekend with them and watched God work through the preaching of His Word.

On our way to Utah for a conference, we stopped by Uinta Bible Baptist Church for a Wednesday evening service. We saw their beautiful new building that is a great testimony for our Lord. The evening service was the first night of their missions conference. The excitement level was high and God was at work in His people.

While traveling, I got a call from a missionary on his way to Africa. I was able to help him prepare for emergency evacuation should the need arise. Prior planning beats reacting every time. It is also much cheaper.

We finally arrived in Utah for a missions conference with Brother Steve Mix and Kaysville Bible Church. There were 18 of their supported ministries present for the conference. We learned of many who had been trained and sent full time from the church. The conference was indeed a blessing as we met new friends in the ministry. God was glorified through His people.

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**JUNE 2009**

Recently, a student sent me an email after reading my booklet on Neo-Fundamentalism. He said, "I would like to thank Paul McCaulley for writing his booklet on the dangers of Neo Fundamentalism. As a fourth-generation Fundamentalist, the errors that are destroying Fundamentalism cause great sorrow to me, and it is always good to hear of a man who believes in the doctrines of Scriptural separation while at the same time not turning the sword against true Christian brethren."

Another person sent an email thanking me for coming to their church and preaching on the sovereignty of God. He was much encouraged when he understood that God orders our steps, even when we don't see what He is doing. I praise God for His continuing to work in the lives of His people across this country as they get better acquainted with Him.

A pilot contacted me through the website after reading some of the accounts of missionaries who needed help. He offered his aircraft and personal help if we needed it.

We should finish our meetings in Utah this month and head east through Minnesota, Michigan, and Pennsylvania before heading south and west. Thus far, we have put over 135,000 miles on the motor home; but, it just keeps on purring down the road. We thank God for His blessings and provision.

Last week, I finally went to see a doctor concerning some chest pains I would experience occasionally. He did an EKG and listened to my heart. After discussing all of the symptoms, I found out that it was probably esophageal spasms. A few antacids every now and again seem to take care of things. We were relieved to know that it wasn't the heart causing the problems.

Some pastors have been asking if our ministry is considering expanding our scope to include possible contingencies for our missionaries caused by deteriorating world events. That is something we must pray about until we reach full support and can devote more time to studying the proposal. As always, I seek God's wisdom in when, where, and how to proceed. As for now, we are continuing to focus our attention on deputation, attempting to reclaim some lost time spent on remodeling the house.

I was unable to help recently in another non-emergency call for help. I spent some time on the phone making recommendations that seemed to help. That feeling I get when I can not help directly and immediately doesn't get any less painful as I get more of those types of calls. As always, complete confidence in Him gives peace of mind. To Him be all the glory.

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The end of June, we departed Utah for points east. Our first stop was Rochester, MN for patriotic services on July 1<sup>st</sup> and the 5<sup>th</sup>. We celebrated our 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on the 5<sup>th</sup> with the folk of Rochester Baptist Church. It was a time of refreshing and encouragement. In the services, I spoke of the Christian's responsibility to the state and the limitations of that responsibility. On Sunday night, I gave a history of Baptists in and during the War of Independence and their impact on the writing of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

From Rochester, we went to Racine, WI to be with Pastor John Dingman and Lighthouse Baptist Church. God was gracious to bless in the services as we considered our availability to Him and His working through each of us. We met Brother Jason Hill, an Iraq war veteran wounded by a roadside bomb, who is an evangelist out of Lighthouse Baptist Church. Our time together with Brothers Dingman and Hill and their wives was a sweet time of fellowship in the Lord.

Oshkosh, WI was the next stop for the annual Meeting in the Air with Wings as Eagles out of the Wyldeewood Baptist Church, Brother Randy King, Pastor. Old friendships were renewed, new contacts were made for AMI, and I had the opportunity to talk with some young folk regarding the call to missionary aviation. God is still calling young men into His service who are available to Him for missionary aviation.

After a stop in Dubuque, IA for some repairs to the motor home, we drove to Michigan to be with Brother David Pirkle and Landmark Baptist Church. In spite of Michigan's recession, God is still at work through His church. We were encouraged to see the good work being done by Brother Pirkle, an HBBC graduate, and his family. God is being glorified in Michigan.

Our next stop, Winchester Baptist Church, Winchester, OH has been a Baptist Church since 1813, is located in a community of about 1000 people in rural Ohio and runs around 125 in attendance. Brother Steve Bankhead is pastor. It is the sending church for 10 families in full time missions work. They include the McIlvains in Mongolia. Mikayla McIlvain is 4 years old. In June she had a strep throat infection which turned into a staph infection that settled in her bones. When she was taken to the doctor, she had several hours to live. After emergency surgery, it was recommended that she be evacuated to the US as soon as possible. She had about 72 hours to live unless she could get the care available in the US. There was a 24 hour delay in the evacuation due to hospitals not accepting her because the family did not have a medical insurance policy (they were with Samaritan). Arrangements were made for a hospital in Cincinnati to receive her. Emergency surgery was again performed and a tube delivering antibiotics was inserted to within an inch of her heart. Mikayla has made a full recovery and is back on the field with her parents in Mongolia.

As a result of this evacuation, we have learned that we will be unable to evacuate missionaries in the future who do not have a recognized medical insurance policy. This is required so that a hospital, either in the US or overseas, can accept the inbound patient. Samaritan coverage (or coverage of this nature) will not meet this requirement. It is imperative that missionaries have in place a medical insurance policy that is recognized overseas as well as back in the US so that we may be able to conduct a medical evacuation. I am working this issue with MedJet and several insurance people to ascertain the best and most economic coverage that will meet this criterion. I need wisdom in this matter as we work to ensure the ability to minister to our front line missionaries. Please pray for me in this area.

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September was spent in Oklahoma City taking care of doctor and dentist appointments. The tests went well and the specialist found that everything looked normal. I will be having further tests next March.

After spending a day and a half trying to get the diesel started on the motor home, we were finally on our way to Pennsylvania for missions conferences.

But just before we left the RV park on Tinker AFB, another veteran parked beside us. As we were talking, he complained about chest pains. He was going to wait until he got home in Arizona to have them checked out because he didn't know his way around Oklahoma City. I finally convinced him to go to Baptist Hospital and have them look at him. I gave him a tract from Southwest and told him to call there if they kept him in the hospital. Baptist medical personnel looked him over and kept him for further observation. His wife was so thankful for our help which would not have happened if the motor home had started the first day. As soon as he was safely in Baptist under medical care, the diesel started and off we went. God moves in mysterious ways.

On our way across the Pennsylvania Turnpike, the left front tire on the Jeep blew out while we were towing it. I had to immediately pull to the side of the road while the Jeep was jumping around. Only God's watch care kept it from rolling over and being dragged on its side. After a phone call to our insurance company, help arrived to change out the tires within just a few feet of traffic going 65 miles per hour. An hour after the blow out, we were on our way to the next conference.

I received a phone call from a pastor who said that he had been praying for us and was everything OK. I told him about the incident and thanked him for praying for us.

We met several missionaries in the conferences who were very concerned about how they could be evacuated in an emergency. I was able to help them formulate their plan and make preparation for such contingencies.

I apologize for the lateness and length of this newsletter. Just as we were about to finish the letter and publish it, we got news of the sudden and unexpected death of Anita's dad. He had a massive heart attack on his way to get a haircut. We were in Virginia when we got the call late on Friday night. We left early Saturday morning with the intention of driving all the way to Muskegon, Michigan that day. While on the Pennsylvania turnpike, a woman passed us and lost control of her car, bounced off of the center barricade, crossed over into our lane and hit the motor home three times, twice on the front and all the way down the passenger side. Fortunately, no one was hurt; but, it delayed us several hours. The emotional drain by this point was too much and we spent the night in a service area on the Ohio turnpike. We arrived at Anita's parents' home the next afternoon to meet family and friends. We wish to thank those who prayed for us, and for the expressions of care and thoughtfulness.

December and January will be spent getting the motor home and Jeep repaired from the damages incurred during the accident. Since the motor home is our home, we will be "homeless" for a couple weeks while the factory replaces the whole front of the coach. By February, we anticipate being back on the trail, Lord willing.

We do appreciate so much the prayers of God's people that encompass us with His watch care and safety. We could not do this without you. Thank you.

In His Service,

*Paul & Anita McCauley*

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**MARCH 2010**

Finally, the repairs are complete on the Jeep and motor home. While waiting for the motor home to be finished, I received four calls for assistance.

A church member with an aircraft wanted to help during the Haiti crisis, but did not know who to contact or where to go. I linked him up with a missionary pilot who flies the area routinely and where he could get loads of aid to deliver.

A group of doctors and nurses were holding a conference in Texas when the Haiti crisis began. They called and needed help getting 14 doctors and nurses into Haiti sooner than the three week waiting period imposed on flights into the capitol city. I found a missionary aviation organization that was capable of getting a group that large into Haiti and put them in touch with them.

A missionary under a major denomination was having serious medical problems in Togo, West Africa. Two people had already died from what he was suffering. His denomination decided not to evacuate him by air ambulance but recommended flying on commercial airlines. Due to the nature of his serious condition, I recommended a different course of action in order to receive immediate medical treatment. The doctors were able to stabilize him, and after his recovery he returned to his mission station.

A Bible college senior on a trip to Jamaica suffered a rare blood disorder and was dying. Proper medical treatment was not available in Jamaica. His college sent an individual to Jamaica for a direct blood transfusion. The airlines would not allow him to fly back to the United States on their aircraft. While waiting for the college to arrange transport and treatment, the student went home to be with Lord. This reminds us that time is of the essence in situations like this.

We were able to upgrade our satellite equipment after getting our tax refunds. This modernizes our internet capability. Also, a gift was received to use toward a new lap top computer. As God would have it, after receiving the gift and looking around for a computer, we found one with the capabilities we needed for about half what it should have cost. God's timing is always right on.

We will be finishing up medical appointments and miscellaneous repairs on the vehicles this week and setting out for meetings in Arizona and New Mexico. Our schedule will take us through Utah after that and on to Minnesota, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and Georgia by year's end.

One lingering problem to remember in prayer is the need for missionaries to carry some form of internationally recognized medical insurance in order to qualify for air evacuation by air ambulance. I am meeting with several individuals who may possibly have some recommendations in this area. Especially in need of some sort of coverage are those with serious pre-existing conditions that disqualify them from coverage, and, therefore unable to be evacuated by air ambulance.

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**July 2010**

Two incidents come to mind that occurred during our recent travels. The first started in the mountains enroute to El Paso, TX. I noticed that the volt meter on the dash of the motor home was reading lower than normal and when we went up the mountains a warning light came on indicating trouble in the charging system; but, it would go out descending the other side of the grade. This was puzzling to say the least. When we arrived in El Paso, I contacted a Freightliner repair shop to made an appointment to have this problem repaired. We arrived for our appointment at 7:30 in the morning. After a couple of hours, the mechanic said he couldn't fix the problem; the electrician in the shop would have to fix it. We waited for the rest of the day in the motor home watching as mechanics and the electrician took many breaks and did little work. Needless to say, my temper was beginning to get the best of me. The fact that the electrician was a chain smoker, cursed with every sentence he spoke, had tattoos showing everywhere didn't help my attitude.

When all else fails – pray. I told God that I knew that he ordered our steps (Psa. 37), and asked him what he was up to. Finally, after supper, the electrician fixed the problem in fifteen minutes. After paying for the repair I went over to speak to the electrician. I handed him a tract from SWBC and talked to him for a little while. His whole demeanor and attitude changed. His Dad was a preacher. He had been out of church since he left home. He knew he needed to get right with God. Sometimes, God interrupts our schedule, makes us sit and wait, until He is ready to use us in particular situations.

The second incident occurred in Utah where we spent some time with family. I had an opening in my schedule on Sunday, so we visited a church in the area. During the service, a young lady leaned over to me and said, "You're Brother McCaulley!" Feeling some degree of levity, I told her I knew that. She then told me that she had heard me preach two years earlier. She did not know at the time, but within two weeks, she and her husband would desperately need the truths preached that night. She thanked us for coming by her church years earlier. God will order our steps for His purpose and does not even have to tell what He is up to.

After the service, an elderly gentleman came up to me and said, "You're Brother McCaulley, aren't you?" By this point, I was beginning to wonder. He then told me that he has our prayer card and prays for us regularly and for many other missionaries. He has been a prayer warrior for years; but, he said that he has never met any of those for whom he prays. I thanked him for his faithfulness in prayer and told him how that I believe that his prayers, along with those of others, had kept us safe in our travels. I told him of the three accidents that had happened during the previous 14 months. Tears came to his eyes as he realized that his prayers were not in vain. I mentioned that God is so good to occasionally pull back the curtain and let us see a small portion of what He is accomplishing through us. We had sweet fellowship for some time and I went back to the motor home rejoicing and praising God for His faithfulness and goodness to bring these people across our path just when we needed another lesson.

I received a call for help for a youth mission director in Belize who slipped and fell, hitting his head very hard. His brain started to swell. I recommended against air evac by missionary airplane due to the nature of his head injury. The local doctors induced a coma and treated the swelling which went down quickly. He was taken out of ICU and will be brought back to the US in the near future for further testing. This is just another example of simple little accidents that could be life threatening in the course of missionary work.

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*“And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them.*

*But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.” Mark 10:13, 14.*  
(Emphasis mine.)

The Lord was gracious to us during our stay in Pennsylvania. We were with several churches for meetings; but, the highlight was being able to meet my childhood Sunday School teacher. Mary started teaching children when she was 22. She is now a young 85, still riding the bus to pick up children to bring them to church to hear the Word of God. She still tears up talking about the little ones she is able to minister too. I asked her how many of her “graduates” are in the ministry. She isn’t able to count them. God has worked mightily through one of His faithful servants. She has been a blessing and encouragement to countless children, and I was encouraged meeting her again after so many years.

*“Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.” 1Cor 4:2.*  
(Emphasis mine.)

Also during our visit home to PA, we were able to visit my Uncle Dave’s church for a Wednesday night service. The church was built in 1924. He became the pastor in 1954. At 90, he is still faithful and serving our Lord. Rare is the pastor who has been pastoring the same church for 56 years. During prayer meeting, he mentioned, by name, each of the missionaries (and their wives) they support and gave a summary of the latest prayer letter from them. This he did from memory. Praying for your missionaries on a regular basis enables you to remember their names. His steadfastness and faithfulness to our God is such an encouragement and Anita and I were blessed by being able to visit with my Uncle Dave and Aunt Ruth.

Having been encouraged to just remain faithful day by day, may I exhort you to consider whom we serve and just be found faithful, one day at a time, until He returns to call us home.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always.

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October saw us finishing up medical appointments in OKC with good news all around. We spent a week parked behind the dealership where we bought our coach having the generator removed, serviced, and repaired. Seems we blew out an exhaust hose which then plugged up the intake air filter. Messy.

While parked there, I got a call requesting help for a missionary's wife in Papua New Guinea. She had a miscarriage, following which she went into a semi-comatose state with her health rapidly degenerating. Once again, a missionary on the foreign field without any form of medical insurance needed help. The sending church was unable to raise the money needed to get her evacuated to Australia. Furthermore, since destination hospitals would not accept her without insurance or significant cash up front, MedJet Assist was unable (by law) to initiate an evacuation. After working with them for many hours, they were able to find a business man who paid for a local air ambulance and he made the deposit required at the hospital in Australia. She was evacuated to Australia where she was treated and began her recovery. A very close call.

In November, I got the following email, “I really need your help. My niece and her husband are missionaries in ... Micronesia. Their little 8 month old daughter is desperately ill and needs immediate medical attention.” Seems she swallowed something and it lodged in her throat. The doctors informed her parents that they must get her to proper care immediately to save her life. They had minimal insurance, recognized in only a few countries; and, the policy did not include medical air evacuation. The sending church would not pay for an air ambulance to get her to proper treatment. All they did was “monitor the situation.” Everyone started praying. The plan was to take a commercial flight lasting approximately 14-16 hours. In answer to prayer, the little girl coughed up the object and is doing fine. Another close call; God is merciful.

We continue to work on a method to get uninsured missionaries accepted into hospitals, thus allowing MedJet to initiate the evacuation. We are also faced with the problem of funds transfer after hours and on weekends – it seems that many emergencies choose the weekend to happen when banks are closed and Western Union doesn't allow transfers in the amounts needed.

Just a brief note of political incorrectness – Anita and I want to wish the many churches and friends we have been with over these past years a very joyous **Christmas** as we remember the **birth** of our dear Lord; and, May He richly bless you in the coming years until He comes back to take us home to be with Him.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always. We remain

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“I hope she makes it until Friday.”

That comment was made by a sending pastor on Wednesday concerning one of the missionaries out of his church. He decided not to evacuate her after AMI was contacted and I made some recommendations. He bought a ticket on a commercial flight out of Dominican Republic for Friday, and was hoping she would make it that long.

We recently spent some time in Oklahoma City, after the missions conference in our home church, Southwest Baptist Church, to get our medical appointments done and perform some much needed maintenance on the motorhome. The coach needed new brake drums and pads. I am still working on the plumbing and a few other annoying malfunctions.

As I write this mission brief, I am in my temporary office – a folding chair in my Dad’s hospital room in Batesville, AR. Initially, he was diagnosed with pneumonia. After treating him for that for a week and a half, the doctor has informed us that he doesn’t have pneumonia. They do not know what is producing the fluid that builds up in his lungs. They continue to do tests to determine what is going on. Thank you for your prayers in his behalf.

This year’s schedule is quite different than previous ones. We have a couple of missionary aviation conferences scheduled, several supporting churches to report back to, in addition to a few new meetings for support.

On Tuesday night, a couple weeks ago, I talked with a retired Marine. We immediately had a bond develop since he also was wounded in Viet Nam. We talked for a couple of hours. I asked him where he will go when he gets his final deployment orders from God. I explained that final was indeed final – and there are only two duty stations that can be on those orders. He understood, but thought he was OK. (Most folk might not understand this approach, but soldiers do. And the gospel is the heart of the whole discussion.) As you have a moment, pray for Lonnie.

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Just a brief update on my Dad. Every couple of weeks, he has to be transported to the hospital to receive treatment for fluid in his lungs, congestive heart failure, or some similar symptoms. Then, it is back to the nursing home for more physical therapy and skilled nursing care. The cycle continues to repeat itself and appears that it will continue into the foreseeable future. God has been evident throughout as He gives grace for the moment and brings us in contact with some of the sweetest saints. What a family we have as children of God!

The Lord willing, we should be back on the road within a week or two. Our schedule will take us to Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Indiana, Alabama, Florida and points in between through the end of this year. A highlight will be the first week of August when I have been asked to be one of the speakers at the Central Pennsylvania Bible Conference in Altoona. I attended this conference growing up and remember the great preaching. This conference has been ongoing for the last 100 years. I look forward to what God is going to do as we are available to Him to do of His good pleasure. May Christ be exalted as His Word is preached.

I would like to thank you all for remembering us in your prayers and partnering with us in this ministry. As God provides the wisdom and resources, I continue to work on methods to more efficiently and effectively serve Him through AMI and to increase our care for our front line missionaries. May I encourage you to continue keeping your focus on Him, looking for and loving His appearance; “even so, come, Lord Jesus.”

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God had an appointment for me with a Viet Nam vet named Bernie. Bernie is 82 years old, a Marine who served in Viet Nam. I struck up a conversation with him about Viet Nam. He told of how he cheated death twice. I told him that was so we could meet and talk about life after death. He is Catholic and said that if he could give people a second chance, God is smarter than he is and will give him a second chance after death. I gave him my testimony and talked with him about what the Bible says, not what men say. I told him that God is indeed all-wise and gave us a book that is true and written to us to tell us about Him and His way. I said there is no second chance after death and challenged him to read the Gospel of John and look for God's criteria to go to Heaven. He wasn't ready to receive Christ, but promised he would read the Gospel of John. When I left, I shook his hand again and said, "Bernie, no one told us 'Welcome home' when we returned from Viet Nam." I held his arm and said, "Welcome home soldier, God loves you." Tears came to his eyes and I pray that as he reads John, the Holy Spirit will convict him of the truth he is reading, and that he will repent and believe. Please pray for Bernie.

I met another Viet Nam vet who is still having problems as a result of his duty in Viet Nam. He looks to the bottle for solace. I talked at length with him about God and how he and God were getting along. He said, "I guess it is a strained relationship." I told him God has not moved – he did; and God is waiting for him. I mentioned that his actions will impact his family, including his grandchildren, and asked did he want that. That got his attention. He thanked me for talking with him.

Our vets need the Lord. Suicide is at an all-time high in the military. Recently, we lost more military members to suicide than we lost in Afghanistan. Please pray for our vets and extend a helping hand to those who serve our country; talk with them about the Lord.

Another prayer request is that God will give wisdom as we seek places for young people to receive training as missionary pilots. Another Bible school has closed their flight department in spite of the fact that major groups of people are accessible only by air. Money is not the issue as these flight departments have not been a drain on budgets. Schools are trending toward modern thought and technology and away from tried and true methods of reaching the lost with the Gospel. I asked one man, "How many of the tribes in remote regions have the internet or satellite TV/radio?" He had no answer. Men must still go and stand before the people to proclaim the Savior. And we must get them there any way we can.

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*January 2012*

Early in January, I had the opportunity to visit the facilities of Missionary Flights International. I talked with their Director and some of their personnel about how we work together to support our missionaries. They are using the turbine conversion to the DC-3, a WWII vintage aircraft, which is the only aircraft capable of carrying the load it does and land where other planes cannot. We have used MFI on several occasions to respond to requests for help received by AMI.



Another unique opportunity was to hear J. Hudson Taylor IV preach a message and report on the Church in China. He is the great great grandson of the missionary who pioneered missions in China. He challenged the American Church to do more to reach the people of China.

While with a Church in Georgia, I learned of something they practice as a Church. Every time they hear a siren, they stop what they are going and pray for those involved in the emergency. That week, a member had prayed when he heard a siren and it turned out to be a member of the Church in the ambulance. I have modified this practice for AMI. Every time I hear a small aircraft fly over, I pray for our missionary pilots and those they are trying to reach. Reminders like these are good if they prompt us to pray more often – especially for our missionaries.

On January 31<sup>st</sup>, my Dad went home to be with the Lord after battling double pneumonia, chronic lymphoma leukemia, diabetes, and succumbing to renal failure. He was on morphine for the last few hours for the pain. Two weeks earlier, he told my Mother he was going home in two weeks. He waited until the whole family had arrived from out of town (PA & TN), and then within three hours, he went home to be with our Lord. His favorite song was "How Great Thou Art," and was sung at the funeral. As I looked through his Bible for a verse to put in the memorial folder, I ran across an old piece of paper that he kept in his Bible. It had the words of an old familiar hymn handwritten on it:

NOTHING BETWEEN MY SOUL AND THE SAVIOR  
NAUGHT OF THIS WORLDS DELUSIVE DREAM  
I HAVE RENOUNCED ALL SINFUL PEEASURE  
JESUS IS MINE THERE'S NOTHINS BETWEEN  
  
NOTHING BETWEEN MY SOUL AN THE SAVIOR  
SO THAT HIS BLESSED FACE MAY BE SEEN  
NOTHING PREVENTING THE LEAST OF HIS FAVOR  
KEEP THE WAY CLEAR! LET NOTHING BETWEEN.

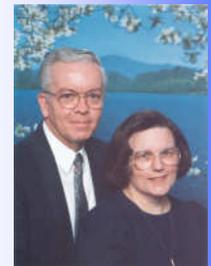
My Dad's favorite Bible subject was eschatology. He longed for the Rapture; there is now nothing between his soul and his Savior. He is missed here and blessed there. To be absent from this body is to be present with our Lord. To God be all the glory.

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Our schedule of activities has been quite full since our last Mission Briefing, so this letter is a little late.

While visiting my Mother in Arkansas, the Lord arranged an opportunity for us to meet the wife of a missionary on their way to the field. We were driving back to the motor home, when I had the impulse to go by the barber shop and get a haircut; even though it was late in the afternoon. As I was in the chair, a lady walked in with her young boy who was going to get his hair cut. The barber introduced us and, as God would have it, on their way to the mission field in Africa, they were concerned about rapid medical evacuation. We talked at length with her, gave her our card and praised God for His sovereign acts in our lives. We were leaving the next day. That “impulse” just may have been the Holy Ghost!

I continue to receive inquiries about short term missions trips. The response remains the same – make arrangements for emergency evacuation to the US before leaving on the trip. Although the exposure time is short, the location of the mission trip presents increased exposures that may necessitate evacuation.

While we were with Dr. Gary Dull and Faith Baptist Church of Altoona, PA in their Missions Conference, my uncle, Dave McCaulley (in the blue coat), was able to field questions and speak with the missionary families during one of the morning sessions. He has pastored the same church for over 58 years. One of his suggestions included tapping on his Bible and saying, “If it isn’t in there, don’t use it.” The theme seemed to be Back to the Book. He has carried that same Bible since the Korean War when he served in the Navy.



I just finished attending a training seminar for crisis management and was able to gain much information and establish contact with people and organizations that may be of assistance in the future. One comment from the instructor has stuck with me: “Imposing on the sovereignty of God is different than relying on the sovereignty of God.” There is much wisdom there.

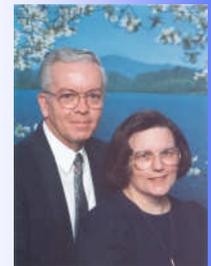
We will be in a conference in May with several missionary aviation organizations to continue developing our network and possibly expanding capabilities. Please pray for us.

In His Service,

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## Prayer Requests

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The heat and the mountains were a little too much for our diesel engine on the way from our meetings in Washington and Oregon to Utah. The engine began to overheat several times pulling the mountains, which caused us to pull over to the side of the road and wait while it cooled down. After many calls to caterpillar and freightliner, I ended up changing the radiator cap, both thermostats, and cleaning the radiator/charge air cooler pack several times. I was able to get a lot of debris out of the area between the coolers. In the process, I discovered that the radiator probably will have to be replaced soon. I hope to make it until this fall. The way the radiator is installed in the motor home makes the process very complicated and lengthy which equals expensive.

God allowed me the opportunity to attend the International Association of Missionary Aviation Conference held this year at Mission Aviation Fellowship headquarters in Nampa, ID. I was able to meet with several organizations that will be willing to assist us in our ministry of evacuation/transportation. As a result, I am hoping to expand the areas where we have access to missionary aviation assets to employ in support of our missionaries. Much work lies ahead as we expand and update our database.

While passing through Pasco, WA, I had the privilege of being interviewed on a Christian radio station by Dr. John Paisley, pastor of Riverview Baptist Church. This provided an opportunity to present the ministry of AMI to a large listening audience. God blessed in our time of fellowship afterwards as our hearts were knit together around our Lord.

I have been able to reach an agreement with the air ambulance company that provides membership discounts for our missionaries concerning their requirement for underlying insurance. Those who are covered with ministries such as Samaritan may obtain membership, but must provide a little more information with the application. If you need to join and are covered by other than a medical insurance company, please contact me for details.

July 29 through August 5, 2012 the Central Pennsylvania Bible Conference will be held in Altoona, PA. This conference has been held every year for nearly 100 years. I grew up attending these conferences. Speakers at the conference in times past include Ironside, Chafer, Barnhouse, Talbot, Pentecost, Telford, Havner, and others. In the early days, there were eight sessions each day of expository preaching. Attendance reached 5000 in the early days. God's Word was honored and preached. Saints were edified and sinners saved. I have been invited to preach at this year's conference along with Dr. Bill Shade; a truly humbling experience. Please pray that God will be glorified and His Word proclaimed. If you are able, plan to attend one or more of the sessions – one in the afternoon and one in the evening.

Just as I finished this Mission Briefing, the cooling unit on our refrigerator blew. We are evacuating the awful ammonia smell from the coach as best we can. Meals will be a little different until we can get to Indiana from Arkansas to have the new cooling unit installed. That will set us back about \$1300. Really didn't need the distraction, but are looking for what God has in it for us. Maybe need to eat MRE's like our troops!

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The last Mission Briefing closed with us using the sink full of ice as an ice chest while we traveled to Indiana to have a new cooling unit put on the refrigerator. Anita really outdid herself for meals without a refrigerator and putting ice in the sink in the morning and evening to keep a few items chilled. God blessed and we had the cooling unit replaced and got back on our way to Pennsylvania. I want to thank Brother Jay Frazier and Calvary Baptist Church for their gift toward this repair.

God blessed the preaching at the Central Pennsylvania Bible Conference. Lives were changed as people were challenged to get back to the book and get better acquainted with God. While there for the conference, Pastor Gary Dull of Faith Baptist Church of Altoona was able to help me get into the emergency center for Blair County. The Director of the Center and his people were very helpful as we discussed the potential application of their type of equipment and procedures to AMI's worldwide mission. I now have a lot more work ahead of me as I put this new approach to paper and then into reality. This should meet some of the location/communication issues that have arisen lately in our operations. Please pray for this project. My thanks to Brother Dull for his help in arranging this meeting.

While working on this project recently, I received an urgent email regarding a missionary family in Haiti. CCI had just negotiated the release of a family member held hostage and needed to get them evacuated to the US. Everything was booked up for two weeks. I emailed back to Bob Klamser and asked for a few minutes to work on getting them out. God had already arranged for a missionary pilot in the Caribbean to finish his flight, fill up his fuel tanks on the aircraft, and sit down to relax for a while. Then I called him and asked if he would evacuate this family. He did so; and they were safely returned to the US for care. God brought the right people together in just the right time to get this mission done so another missionary family could remain on the field winning souls and planting churches. Dead missionaries do not plant churches. We must as churches do what is necessary in ensure that missionary families remain on the field being used by God to win the lost and plant churches. I am so grateful that He allows me to be a part of His worldwide mission to reach the lost.

Yesterday, we signed a contract for the house and should close, Lord willing, the middle of October. Thank you for praying about this matter. This will unburden us a little and allow more emphasis on AMI.

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## Prayer Requests

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2. **Increased monthly support.**
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November 2012

Praise the Lord, the house closed a couple weeks ago. I know His timing is perfect. We are looking forward to pressing on without this burden slowing us down.

I rescheduled some meetings we had in Florida in order to be with my Mom during her total knee replacement surgery. I wish to thank the pastors of those churches in Florida for their graciousness and understanding in this matter. I also wish to thank the many brothers and sisters who prayed for Mom during her surgery and recovery. Any kind of surgery when you are 88 years old is serious, not to mention total knee replacement. Thank you so much for your prayers and kind words of encouragement. We will spend some time with her in Arkansas while she undergoes therapy until she can get around on her own with reduced risk of falling.

We continue to have a significant number of churches and people who are receiving this newsletter by mail. I normally spend up to a day to a day and half printing, sorting, addressing, etc. to get these mailed. If at all possible, if you are receiving our mission briefings by print and mail and you could possibly change over to email, please let me know. Also, we send out updates and prayer requests by email between our normal mission briefings. If you wish to be added to that list, please let me know. On occasion, these updates include important information for our missionaries who are in harm's way and for their sending churches.

Our latest update included the following:

The US Embassy in Cairo released the following information:

"The Embassy has credible information suggesting terrorist interest in targeting U.S. female missionaries in Egypt. Accordingly, U.S. citizens should exercise vigilance, taking necessary precautions to maintain their personal security."

Recommendations:

- 1) All female western missionaries in Egypt consider themselves potential targets of this threat.
- 2) All female western missionaries in Egypt limit their movements in the short term, avoiding exposure in public places as much as possible.
- 3) All missionaries in Egypt take all possible actions to insure that female members are not alone, are not "exposed" in public any more than is necessary, and that any suspicious activities and potential or suspected surveillance be reported immediately.

Al-Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri has urged Egyptians to restart their revolution to press for Islamic law and called on Muslims to kidnap Westerners; this includes American missionaries. Missionaries and mission organizations should understand that if such kidnappings occur, they will be responding to political, not financial demands and that traditional business-oriented negotiation strategies will be ineffective. Professional assistance should be sought immediately upon knowledge of such incidents happening.

Churches and prayer groups should be in special prayer concerning the safety of our missionaries in the Middle East. Although safety is an ever increasing issue worldwide, the Middle East is particularly getting more dangerous. Sending churches should maintain increased communications with their families in this region and be prepared should they become victims of these attacks

I just sent out another update concerning Mombasa, Kenya. Please pray for our missionaries and churches in Kenya.

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May you all have a Christ honoring Christmas and a blessed New Year in the Lord is our prayer.

2012 has been a busy year. My Dad graduated to Heaven the end of January and we spent some time with Mom afterward. We were in churches across the country for meetings and conferences; and, attended some training in Colorado for crisis management. I had the opportunity to be on several Christian radio programs to talk about our ministry and missions in general.

I have been involved in a few evacuations this year. One was to get a missionary family out of Haiti after the negotiated release of a family member held hostage. CCI negotiated the release and called me when no other means of transport was available to get them out immediately. As is always the case, God blessed.

I spent several days on the phone with the family of a missionary to Guyana who desperately needed medically evacuated back to the States. There is so much stress on families at times like these. I was able to help with pointers and recommendations to preclude some problems and solve others. Again, God was so gracious to strike a kinship with this family. The missionary is recovering in a hospital in Florida.

In September, Mom had a total knee replacement on her right leg. We came down early to be with her and stay for the duration of her recovery. Thank you all for praying for her.

Yesterday we attended the funeral for Pastor Bill Whitfield. Tim, his son who is a missionary to Tanzania, preached the service and gave a simple, clear presentation of the Gospel while talking about his Dad and his Dad's God.

Another graduation to glory is my Uncle Dave, whom I have mentioned before in our Mission Briefings. He faithfully pastored the same church for 53 years. His home going was the same day our newest granddaughter was born. He is an example of faithfulness and sticking by the stuff through all of the challenges down through the years.

We want to thank each of you for your faithful support of this ministry and the part you play through your gifts, prayers, and participation in the evacuation and care of our missionaries. Please be assured that because of you missionaries have been helped and continue to proclaim Christ around the world. I look forward to another year of serving our Lord together, should He tarry His coming.

I shall try hard to schedule a visit to come by this year to fellowship and talk about what God has been up to with AMI. As always, He and He alone is worthy to be praised and glorified.

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My Mother is up and about on her own following her total knee replacement on her right leg. Thank you all for your prayers in her behalf. I was able to get some work done around her place while we were there. I haven't worked like that since growing up on the farm.

Just before we left Arkansas for Oklahoma, I was able to help a little in the evacuation of a missionary from South America. There were many challenges that God overcame as we faced them by faith. A pastor expressed concern about the obstacles he saw to evacuation. I responded by saying there are no obstacles, just challenges that God will meet if we, by faith, move out to face them. God is faithful and the missionary is recovering in USA.

We came back to Oklahoma City a month early for me to have a simple hernia repair done in outpatient status. I went in Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, for the procedure. All went fine until Friday evening when Anita had to drive me to the emergency room while I was experiencing excruciating pain in my abdomen. I was zoning in and out and not a very pleasant traveling companion to the ER. Emergency surgery was performed on Saturday, 12 inches of small intestine were removed, and a biological mesh sewn in to the abdomen. I spent 5 days in the hospital for observation and stabilization before coming home Wednesday night, February 27<sup>th</sup>. I am looking at 6 to 8 weeks of recovery with restrictions on what I can do.

Through the entire ordeal, Anita was a trooper. She is such a blessing and I just want to thank God now for my wife. The hospital allowed her to stay in the room and sleep on a folding cot. I have a suspicion that she was going to whether they liked it or not.

I have canceled my meetings for several months and will take this time to get caught up on several new aspects of our ministry. We are now partnering with a new company for medevac coverage. The cost is about half of the previous membership for a little better coverage. I am also working on some preparedness issues that must be faced in the near future by churches as well as missionaries to better prepare for events requiring evacuation or extraction. I shall be busy with that part of the ministry, but miss the fellowship part with the churches.

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*May 2013*

*Psalm 139:14, "I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well."*

That verse has been on my mind since the emergency surgery in February – especially during the recovery period. I talked with the surgeon and nurses about how God made our bodies in such a way that, basically, we just help the body along and it will heal itself. I have recovered to about 90% of where I was before surgery. God continues to give strength and healing. I didn't wait until 100% to get back on the road. Once the doctor gave me clearance, we headed out.

As I write this Briefing, we are waiting in the hotel room for the factory to finish the repairs on our motor home. They should be finished this afternoon and we will face Memorial Day traffic for a couple days.

Before coming down to the factory in Indiana, I was able to attend the International Association of Missionary Aviation Annual Conference where I renewed contacts, made new contacts, and was able to obtain updated data for our database of missionary aviation. I was also able to spend time with a young man who is with a missionary aviation group that does not have a sense of urgency regarding emergencies involving missionaries. He was able to see that our priority and focus during an emergency is the life and limb of the missionary. Hopefully, his organization's attitude will be adjusted.

The AMI website has been updated with the new information regarding air evacuation memberships. The company, GEOS Alliance, which we have added to our network, charges half of what we were able to get previously and covers more places. I met with the folk at GEOS right after leaving OKC. They are mostly former Coast Guardsmen and some other former military members. They have the same sense of urgency we do regarding our missionaries. Also, the article discussing a Go-Bag for emergency situations is on the web site. I recommend it for consideration by everyone.

After each evacuation we get involved in, I conduct a review for lessons learned to see if I can do anything better or faster. There seems to be a trend developing. In each case, the same problems are present indicating a lack of preparedness for emergencies of various natures. The Lord is leading to develop a series of presentations to help properly plan and prepare for contingencies. Crisis management is crucial to successful operations which result in saving the lives of our missionaries.

The Lord is beginning to fill my schedule for this year and beyond. One conference is scheduled in 2016. This year, I am still trying to get by our supporting churches to report, Lord willing. Until then, we remain

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I apologize for the tardiness of this update. Our schedule has been very busy and we have spent quite a few miles on the road. I have a few days now while attending the GIBF meeting in OKC.

After picking up our motor home from the repair shop in May, we hit the road for a mission conference in Florida. During the conference, I was able to spend time with a missionary going to the South Pacific. Where he and his wife are going is so far out that there are no runways for aircraft or any means for emergency evacuation. This has presented a challenge that will require a lot of research and effort to be able to provide a way to conduct emergency resupply or evacuation.

From Florida, we took the motor home to Freightliner to have a new radiator and charge air cooler installed. Another night in a motel room waiting for the repairs.

We continued on to spend some time with Dr. Bill Shade with Source of Light Ministries to discuss emergency location devices for remote travel. I had the privilege to speak in chapel to some of God's finest servants that have been missionaries for decades.

July found us spending some time with the emergency preparedness and crisis management people at JAARS. These meetings were very productive and led to a relationship for assisting missionaries in emergencies. I was also able to expand my contacts for emergency preparedness for missionaries.

The end of July was the Meeting in the Air conference in Oshkosh, WI. I had the opportunity to spend about four hours with several missionary aviation organizations developing new contacts and procedures for evacuation. While there, I was blessed to talk with a missionary pilot who had been taken hostage, but escaped after two days. We also were able to meet some of the young people who were in for the youth flight camp sponsored every year by Wings as Eagles. The camp allows young people who are interested in missionary aviation to spend time with missionary pilots, learn some maintenance skills, and spend some time in the air flying. Each day also has a chapel service to keep the Word of God foremost. These young people were very impressive.

After the conference, we were able to get by some supporting churches to report in and do some preaching. The opportunity came up for pulpit supply; God blessed in the services.

I received several calls for help from missionaries getting ready to go back to the field better prepared for emergency evacuation. I was able to answer their questions and talk with them concerning emergency preparedness to mitigate possible emergencies.

God has kept us busy with more calls for assistance and meetings to help missionaries and pastors; but, those will have to wait for another Mission Briefing as this one is already lengthy. Until then, we remain

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## NOVEMBER 2013 UPDATE

We arrived in Mountain View, AR a little over a month ago to be with my Mother for her second total knee replacement surgery and therapy afterward. I am pleased to report that God has blessed and the surgery went well and the therapy is progressing nicely. With two shoulder replacements and two knee replacements, I told her that she doesn't need to go to the hospital now – she can just go to the garage for a mechanical tune-up.

Just after arriving in town, I was able to have breakfast with Tim Whitfield. Brother Tim was a missionary in Africa for 22 years. This past May, God moved them from Africa to Mountain View, his hometown. God also burdened them to plant an independent fundamental Baptist church in Mountain View. We have been praying for years that God would send someone. Tim was praying for God to send someone. Well, He did. When we pray for God to do something, are we available for Him to use us to get it done? Tim was available. We were fortunate to be able to attend the first service held this past Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. There were 39 people in attendance with 7 people going forward to indicate that Heritage Baptist Church of Stone County is where they believe God would have them serve Him. God's blessing on Heritage is obvious and the excitement level is high. We look forward with great anticipation to what God is going to do. To God be the glory.

While here, I am taking the time to work on emergency preparedness training for missionaries, pastors, and churches. I have written an article on the need for contingency planning in missions which will be posted to the web site soon.

I am highly recommending that missionary families and teams get personal locator beacons (PLB) for remote travel and for contingency situations. The PLB I recommend is the DeLorme InReach SE. I will be writing more about it in future articles for the web site.

God continues to bring across our path churches, organizations and individuals willing to help in evacuations and emergency preparedness. I look forward to working with them to better serve and prepare our missionaries for the field in today's world.

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Dear Praying Friends,

Just a short note to pass along two recent needs that have arisen.

First, we need to take the motor home back to the factory to have repairs done to the subfloor. While driving in the rain, water comes into the interior and has started rotting the subflooring. The leak needs to be sealed and the subfloor replaced. We are looking at early February for scheduling the repairs because their winter rates are reduced. The cost estimate is \$3000.

Second, I have just recently learned that the manufacturer of our satellite dish went out of business a year or so ago and there will be no more spare parts available for the system. I will have to upgrade to a new system that will provide better coverage and faster speeds to handle the data necessary for emergency locator procedures for remote missionary travel. The new system will also provide voice backup over satellite if cell service is degraded where we are located. The cost for the system is \$22,800.

Please pray with us for God to meet these needs. Also, please consider what part God would have for you in helping in these areas. If you would like more information concerning the satellite equipment, please contact me at [pres@aviationmissions.org](mailto:pres@aviationmissions.org).

Thank you for your faithfulness as we co-labor to fulfill the Great Commission.

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## Prayer Requests

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2. Satellite upgrade \$22,800.
3. Emergency locator system.
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## 2013 in Retrospect

December provides not only a time to reflect upon our Saviour's virgin birth and incarnation, but also, time to reflect upon what God has done this past year. God is to be glorified as He alone worked through His available servants.

This year has been a good year for AMI. God used us to help a missionary family during a series of compound medical emergencies and overcoming apparent obstacles to evacuation to the US for necessary treatment and recovery. It was truly a joy to watch as God's people across the country pitched in financially to assist in their time of trouble. I want to thank the churches and individuals that gave to help one of God's front line troops.

Another blessing in what God has had me doing is that I have been able to spend more time helping missionary families and teams further their preparation to go to the field. If I can spend more time with deploying missionaries helping them to think about and prepare for emergencies and contingencies, maybe there will be less need for the conduct of emergency evacuations. I am working toward that goal.

I have written some articles about emergency preparedness with recommendations for missionaries and sending churches and have posted them on the AMI web site. My plans are to continue making this information available as well as incorporate it into training sessions for conferences, seminars and candidate schools – God willing. Right now, He seems to be leading in that direction. Please make this a matter of prayer for God's will.

In retrospect, I can see how God worked in and through my emergency surgery early in the year. Even with my background and experiences, I gained a fresh new perspective and appreciation for the help that must be made available to our missionaries overseas. While experiencing severe pain that caused me to phase in and out and while waiting for the medical system to act, I was thinking about our brothers and sisters outside the country who may need the same kind of help and caring. And I was in the US in Oklahoma City with excellent transportation infrastructure and a choice of very good doctors and hospitals. Our missionaries aren't under those kind of circumstances by and large. I can pray better for them now and am more motivated to allow God to get into action and provide whatever assistance is needed to Keep Missions Moving by caring for our front line troops.

I want to thank God for you faithful prayer warriors and supporters who undergird us before the Throne of Grace as we serve Him together with you all. May God richly bless you and His grace be with you always.

Until then we remain,

In His Service,

*Dr. Paul & Anita McCaulley*

## Prayer Requests

1. \$3000 for repairs to the motor home.
2. Satellite upgrade \$22,800.
3. Emergency locator system.
4. Traveling safety.
5. Meetings.
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**MARCH 2014**

After we left the factory having major work done on our motor home, we headed to Virginia to spend a short time with our daughter who had been in a very serious car accident. God was gracious and protected her during the accident. There were some chores for Dad & Mom to help her move into her house.

The first day of travel from the factory to Virginia revealed that the leak they were supposed to fix was still there. That required putting a trip back there into our schedule and losing a week of travel time. They did further work (at their expense) and the leak finally seems to be gone.

From Virginia, we went home for the Southwest Baptist Church Missions Conference. We were a little late in arriving since we were literally iced in just north of West Memphis, AR. (I had to kick our door open from inside to get out and check the coach.) We spent four days (the first two without power due to the storm) parked in a campground just off of I-55. Traffic didn't move for days and the ice just hung around making travel treacherous. While there, I was able to assist a missionary in a closed country to better plan for contingency situations – especially medical evacuation. Taking my office and house with me helps to do the ministry even when forced to park for four days because of weather.

After the conference, I was able to meet with the Board of Directors for AMI for an annual business meeting. The Board is comprised of the Pastor and Missions Committee of SWBC. I reported on recent activity in our ministry, our financial status, and the plans for the near and distant future for AMI. We also discussed the expansion in what AMI will be doing to help missionaries and sending churches in preparing their people to deploy to the mission field.

In December, I received a call concerning a missionary family and ten Sudanese orphans who were stranded without food or water in a camp near the fighting in South Sudan. Since the orphans were involved, the US State Department was unable to assist. I put the family in touch with an organization that flies an aircraft large enough to take all of them at the same time to a safe area in-country. Their situation emphasizes the need to plan ahead and prepare a go-bag for such emergencies.

In February I received a call from a missionary with a women's shelter in one of the "stan" countries of Europe. Since the United States is pulling out of the area, he will be losing the ability to get supplies in to the shelter. I put him in touch with a missionary organization with aircraft in the area to make arrangements to conduct that resupply for them.

I have just recently become aware of efforts to take the Gospel to heretofore unreached people requiring two weeks or more of travel by foot through mountains and jungle to get there. I have proposed a coordinated effort to use aircraft to make that two week trip in a little over two hours. This will reduce the chance of injury to the members of the team going in and redeem the time. Please pray with me that God will bring together those who can meet this need and be willing to cooperate to get the Gospel to these remote people. This is in obedience to His command to go to the uttermost part of the Earth – and this place sure meets that criterion. I thank God for those who are willing to give up the soft life in the USA and face these dangers and trials to carry the Gospel to these people and declare God's glory among the nations.

In His Service,

*Dr. Paul & Anita McCaulley*

## Prayer Requests

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**MAY 2014**

A question I continue to receive is where to send young people interested in missionary aviation for their flight training. Several good Bible colleges that offered missionary flight training in the past have closed their programs. There are fewer institutions offering flight training of a quality that is necessary to properly prepare an individual in an environment suitable for Bible college students and graduates. Recently, I met with leaders in missionary aviation organizations who must evaluate and prepare candidates for flying on the foreign field and discussed with them this trend in Christian flight training that does not provide opportunity to get a quality flight program in a quality environment for a reasonable cost.

There is also a growing need for new missionary pilot candidates to replace those who have been on the field for 30-40 years and are nearing retirement. There are also new fields opening up for missionary aviation at the same time other fields are closing. These changes occurring in mission aviation are driving a slight change in our approach to training and preparing missionary aviation candidates for the field. Our goal is to help these candidates in planning their education and keeping costs down to a minimum. The leaders in missionary aviation I have met with are very willing to help achieve this goal.

I am in the process of meeting with organizations that are willing to collaborate in our current project for computerizing emergency location and management procedures to greatly reduce response time in urgent and critical situations. I plan to add more missionary aviation organizations that will cooperate in emergency evacuations. Along with this is our development of materials and training to help missionaries better prepare for situations on the field, focusing on crisis management and mitigation. More on that later.

A possible problem facing many of our missionaries is the impact of Obama-care. As information becomes available from those who are researching this, I will send it out in our email updates and put a link on our web site. So far, I am not seeing anything that will prevent medical evacuation for those who have air evacuation membership. The procedures may change slightly and may include some additional costs in the process. This is still murky as the U.S. government continues to change the rules so frequently. The focus at AMI remains getting our missionaries out when the need arises in a timely and cost efficient manner.

I am looking forward to our upcoming meetings with churches as we continue to present the ministry of AMI and to help sending churches in their support and preparation of their missionaries. Please pray with us that God will fill our schedule with those churches where He wants to use us.

Also, please pray that God will continue to raise our support (currently approaching 55%) so that we can accelerate our projects and expand our help for missionaries on the field. I will be balancing meetings for support with meetings for project development.

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## URGENT UPDATE & REQUEST

God's providential watch care was manifested in our lives recently when we descended down the side of a mountain with an 11% grade on a narrow two-lane road. The turns were very sharp and winding, with a steep drop-off on our side of the road and no shoulders or guardrails. I was using our engine retarder brake (much like a Jake brake in an 18-wheeler) to maintain the necessary safe, slow speed of 25-30 mph. Nearing the bottom of the mountain, I heard a significant change in the pitch of the engine. I looked in the mirror and saw a lot of smoke coming out of the exhaust. I pulled over in the nearest parking spot at a little country gas station. The engine was belching smoke out of the exhaust and the breather tube; it was also making some very unusual sounds. I immediately shut it off. I checked the oil and saw that I had lost one gallon of oil in the last 30 miles – we still don't know where it went. After I put in a gallon of oil, the engine would not restart. I called for a wrecker and was towed about 100 miles to Little Rock, AR to the nearest Caterpillar engine shop.

The news is not good regarding the engine. The good news is that God delayed the catastrophic failure until the bottom of the mountain. Had it blown at the top of the mountain and I lost back pressure, only God knows if I could have maintained control with just the air brakes while negotiating the turns. Praise be to our gracious and loving Father.

The three valves on the number 3 cylinder were destroyed, as well as the wall of the cylinder and the cylinder head. Also, damaging metal fragments were spread throughout the oil system. The engine will need to be removed to effect repairs and overhaul. That is not a simple task in a rear-mount installation with rear-facing radiator.

"The steps (*and stops*) of a good man are ordered by the Lord." This particular stop will last about two weeks and cost over \$23,000. I asked God why, and then confessed my lack of faith in questioning His sovereign providence. I had to cancel meetings that had been scheduled for over a year. We were really looking forward to the fellowship at these meetings. Apparently, these meetings were on my schedule but not on God's calendar. His timing is infinitely better than mine.

We are out of the coach and staying in a Value Place studio-type room near the Caterpillar engine shop, as they need to meet with me on a daily basis while they work on the engine. I will continue to meet with them to discuss the repairs and our options.

**We need your help to raise the \$23,000 needed for this repair/overhaul.** The shop tells me that when they roll it out, it will have a 3 year unlimited warranty on the engine. My engine has 200,000 miles on it and has served us well. The newly overhauled engine will be a blessing to allow this ministry to continue.

The devil is on the attack as God increasingly uses us in varying ways to varying degrees in many situations: from helping missionaries prepare for emergencies on the field, to the search for two young missionaries out of contact for three weeks

## Prayer Requests

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2. Satellite upgrade
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attempting to make first contact with a nomadic tribe - and everything in-between. These are exciting times in mission work. We must press on, and so much the more as we see the day approaching.

Will you help us get back on the road to do what God has called us to do? First, please pray earnestly that God will supply the needed finances for these repairs. Then, would you give toward this project? I know that God will bless as His people partner together to fulfill the Great Commission. **The funds are needed by August 1**, the projected completion date for repairs, so that we can pay the shop and get back on the road. Please make the funds payable to Aviation Missions, Inc. in care of Southwest Baptist Church or go online to [www.aviationmissions.org](http://www.aviationmissions.org) to give securely through PayPal.



Thank you in advance for your help and support to get back on the road and to GO where we need to be to serve our Lord, His Church and His missionaries.

In His Service,

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*“And ye shall be witnesses unto me... unto the uttermost part of the earth.”  
Acts 1:8.*

How much of missions today focuses on “the uttermost?” Do we really mean it when we sing “To the Regions Beyond?” Are young people responding to the call of God for *extreme* missions? Is missions really extreme?

A recent event demonstrates how God is still at work through the lives of those who are committed to Him and available for His service.

Two young men in their twenties answered the call of God to take the Gospel to a heretofore unreached people whose language is unknown by any outside the tribe. The tribe is primitive and sometimes violent. They number only about 1300 to 1800 total. Are they worth the effort to reach? At what cost?

On their recent attempt to reach these lost souls for Christ, these young men spent weeks hacking their way through the jungle literally a step at a time. They spent evenings sharpening their machetes. Their progress each day was a little farther than a football field. Eventually, they ran out of supplies. Communications with their base failed. They were out of contact for weeks. Friends and relatives prayed fervently for them. They had been out of food for 3 weeks with no word from them and no word on where they were. Everyone knew that, if they were still alive, they would press on to make contact with the tribe. If they did, would they be killed outright? If no contact was made, would they be able to get back to base several hundred miles away?

The people back at base discussed possible courses of action to launch search and rescue – but where to start? Where to look? Who to call? Could they be spotted under a thick jungle canopy? They made phone calls, sought advice, and coveted prayer for the two young men. Finally, they decided to have a float plane start a search pattern in the area where they suspected the young men would be if they stayed with their plan.

As the plane flew along a very crooked river, one of the crew spotted a colored object around the bend in the river. The plane reversed course and made a low pass. The young men were alive and located. The float plane landed in the river, picked them up and flew them to base.

These young men lost 50 pounds each during this expedition. They ate off of the land for weeks – even wrestling a 5 ½ foot long crocodile and killing it with a knife. God provided some food every day. Some days He provided a little food; other days a little more. This was not fast food fare from the corner restaurant. They related later that they thanked God two days before their flight that He would get them home.

To the uttermost!

Where is that driving vision of missions that inspired these young men to answer the call of God? Where is that fire in the belly that urges God’s people to go and give? And for only 1800 people who may not be very hospitable.

Thank you for your prayers and support as we work to help missionaries like these who answer the call of God to the uttermost.

In His Service,

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*October 28, 2014*

Just a short update before we hit the road again. I will get out a more comprehensive Mission Briefing in the near future.

The Lord has been so gracious to us while He has had us parked in Mountain View, AR. First, we have been able to be with my Mother and help out while she went through some medical tests. The results were encouraging and showed that there really is not anything for concern. The change in her medicines from her doctor have really helped and she is back on her lawn tractor doing yard work – not bad at 90 years of age. We want to praise our Lord for answer to prayer and thank you all so much for your prayers in her behalf.

During our stay here, we were privileged to attend church with the dear folk at Heritage Baptist Church of Stone County which is a new church plant. We consider Bro. Tim Whitfield and his wife Kim to be dear friends. This church is an answer to prayer that goes back many years. The church will be one year old the first of November and has already taken on 10 missionary families for support, baptized every quarter (more baptisms than this area has seen in a while), and has experienced steady growth as God continues to build His church.

While here, God had me concentrate on developing some computer tools that will be of tremendous help to me in quickly and efficiently assisting missionaries or pastors who call for assistance. I have been able to identify additional missionary aviation resources to aid in certain parts of the world and will be incorporating all that into the applications I am developing. This particular project has been quite challenging and I have leaned heavily and completely upon the Lord to teach my mind what is needed to develop the applications.

The calls that I have received for assistance have not involved any serious life threatening situations for missionaries. I praise God for His watch care over His servants. More on these calls in a later newsletter.

I continue to observe in my conversations with missionaries and pastors a need for emergency preparedness and crisis management training tailored specifically for missionaries and their sending pastors and churches. Please pray with me for God's direction in this matter.

In His Service,

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## Prayer Requests

1. **Emergency locator and management system.**
2. **Traveling safety.**
3. **Meetings.**
4. **Wisdom to deal with calls for assistance.**
5. **Possible training program for missionaries and pastors.**



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**December 16, 2014**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the year draws to an end and I reflect back on God's working in our lives and ministry, I cannot help but be in awe at His sovereignty and watch care over His own. We prayerfully make our plans and while we are trying to implement them, God intervenes in our schedule and redirects our paths (Psalm 37:23) and does so to His glory. After the dust settles, we see clearly that He is in control and things work out for good to those who love Him. Why anyone would deprive themselves of the adventure of living by faith is beyond me.

The Christmas season provides us an opportunity to also reflect on the greatest gift ever given. And may I remind us that what God the Father gave not even He could replace – His only begotten Son. This thought motivates us to more carefully consider our giving in light of the stewardship He has entrusted to us; and so much the more as we see the day of our Lord's return drawing nigh.

Thankfulness is not just for the end of November. As we reflect on God's care and provision through the year, we praise Him and thank Him for the faithful partners and supporters of AMI. The prayers and gifts in our behalf are a sweet smelling savour before the Lord. We can tell when God's people are praying. Thank you so much for lifting us up before the Throne of Grace.

After some much needed repairs to the roof on the coach in January, we will be hitting the road for meetings and conferences throughout the US. We look forward to being a help and blessing to missionaries as they prepare to go to the field and pastors as they plan to take care of their missionaries sent out by their church.

From Anita and I, we wish that you all will have a blessed Christmas and enjoy family times together.

In His Service,

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May 2015

Many missionaries travel away from home base to visit villages and churches in remote areas where communications are problematic or non-existent. They may be gone for a few days or weeks at a time.

Also, natural disasters seem to be on the increase and can cause wide spread damage and havoc in areas where missionaries are serving.

In these situations, the most immediate need may be for communications to inform family and friends back home that they are okay or, in case of an emergency, to request specific help to meet the most urgent needs during the crisis.

Recently, I was privileged to help a missionary to the Philippine islands become familiar with the satellite device we recommend missionaries have and carry. This device is the DeLorme InReachSE satellite device. He told me that he really could have used it during their recent disasters when there was no communication to or from the island for several days where he serves.



This satellite device serves as an emergency locator in an emergency requiring evacuation or may be used to text over satellite for routine messages. When activated in an emergency, the location of the device is accurate to around 15 feet anywhere in the world our missionaries serve. We were able to track missionaries in a remote jungle as they attempted to make contact with an unreached people. The ability to send reports of progress or requests for non-emergency help is invaluable in these circumstances as well as emergency search and rescue.

I recommend that the sending churches of missionaries provide this device for their sent missionaries. Not all missionaries may need this; but, many do as they travel on the field. More information will be available on the AMI web site in the near future.

The Missions Readiness Seminar is starting to take shape. This seminar will be tailored for missionary families, sending churches and pastors, Bible college mission or pastoral majors, church level mission boards and organizations, and will also be useful for families who just want to be prepared for unexpected situations and crises here in the USA. Topics will include use of the satellite device mentioned above and other areas of emergency preparedness and crisis management.

The Lord willing, I should be able to start the seminar training in early 2016. In the meantime, I will be introducing the seminar as we travel to meetings and conferences.

Thank you for your prayers in our behalf – we can tell that God's people are praying.

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*July 30, 2015*

To all those who have been praying for us and the ministry God has entrusted to us, I want to say a deeply felt thank you. Your prayers are noticed as we travel in His safety net and as we are available to God to be used by Him for His glory. He works all things according to His Eternal Decree and for His glory. It is exciting to watch as God works.

Last week in Oklahoma City, I went in for a biopsy on my prostate. The results came back today indicating the presence of prostate cancer. The doctor said that this is not anything to get overly concerned about and it is not an emergency. I will be meeting with the doctor in a couple weeks to discuss treatment options. The outlook is very positive. We praise God for His goodness to us.

In the meantime, I intend to press on being used by God to help His front line missionaries and their sending and supporting churches accomplish the mission given to us by our Lord before His ascension.

I attended a couple very important and informative meetings in June that deal with emergency preparedness and conduct of emergency situations. The mission field is not getting any safer. Planning and preparation are becoming more important than ever before. There are decisions that a missionary, mission board, or sending church can make that adversely affects the extent or absence of coverage under certain insurance policies and with certain memberships geared toward emergency readiness. These decisions can be crucial to the conduct of missions. What missionaries and churches should do to better prepare will be incorporated into the preparedness seminar training we are currently putting together.

Please be in prayer for us as we travel, Lord willing, to another meeting in September that may have significant impact on what we can do to better prepare and care for our missionaries.

As I look at current events and hear reports back from the field, I cannot help but think that the Rapture is at hand. Time is short and we, the church in America, must redouble our efforts to accomplish the mission before the day is spent and there is no more time to reach the lost. I also cannot help but think just how trivial and unimportant are our hobbies, toys and American dream lifestyles when compared to eternity and the Bema Seat of Christ. May God find faith in His church when He comes back and find us faithful in the fight.

Again, thank you for your prayers and support. Please pray with us that my treatments will allow us to continue traveling to be a help to churches and missionaries. That is where our hearts are. May we also increase our passion for God's glory here and around the world.

In His Service,

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*September 6, 2015*

After meeting with our surgeon and a radiologist, and after a bone scan and CT scan which showed no cancer outside the prostate, and after seeking God's will in the matter, we have finally settled on surgery to remove the gland and all the cancer. The surgery will be October 19<sup>th</sup> in Oklahoma City. Our prayer is that after the surgery, the surgeon and oncologist will be able to pronounce me cancer free.

I was able to clear my schedule of meetings and commitments for the rest of this year and early next year to accommodate the surgery and recovery. There was one meeting in particular that I did not want to miss. As God would have it in His Divine Sovereignty, I have to wait until mid-October for the surgery and that particular meeting is mid-September. This is a very important meeting for this ministry. I thank God for His watch care over us.

Recovery from surgery will take several months during which I will be able to get a lot of the research, writing, and preparation done for the preparedness training seminar that God has laid on my heart. Following recovery and rehabilitation, I plan to hit the road again to help sending churches, missionaries, and mission organizations in their preparedness planning and development.

During several of our recent meetings, I have had mission leaders ask for help in preparedness planning and for recommendations concerning certain situations that have or may develop overseas with their missionaries. God is confirming in my mind that there is a need for this training seminar and for the help that can be offered in this area. We are eager to get on the road and get back to it. But God's timing is best. We wait upon Him and pray for sensitivity to the Holy Spirit's prompting so that we may be obedient to His will.

We want to say a special thank you for all those who have told us that they are praying for us. Your prayers mean so much. Please pray for the surgery team that God will give them exceptional skill as they remove all the cancer. Also, pray for Anita as she has to put up with me as a patient. I am not a patient patient. More grace would be nice. And His grace is sufficient.

In His Service,

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October 15, 2015

These are busy times for us.

My cancer surgery is scheduled for Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. After the surgery, we will spend a couple months in Oklahoma City recovering and I will be working on preparations for the preparedness and crisis management seminar God has us putting together for missionaries and pastors. I will also be following up on several projects that came about as a result of my recent meeting with risk and crisis managers from the mission community. I continue to work with young people who are interested in missionary aviation as a calling. There is a good flight camp for these young people that introduces them not only to missionary aviation, but how the aircraft is used as a tool in missions.

My Mother has a cancerous tumor on her liver and will undergo radiation implantation about the same time I have my surgery. She is 91. Please pray for her strength and the success of the procedure. After meeting with her radiation oncologist, we are very optimistic about the outcome. God has truly blessed this country with great doctors and medical capabilities.

I shall also continue expanding our network of mission aviation assets that will be available to help in crisis and urgent situations. God continues to bring across our path those who have aircraft and are willing to be used by God in these situations. One of the organizations God has brought me in contact with has an excellent emergency locator and management system that I shall model ours after. The one we use for AMI will be a scaled down version of theirs. This will speed up response time and assist in locating, communicating, evaluating, coordinating and executing assistance in urgent and crisis situations.

Thank you for your prayers on our behalf. It is exciting to watch as God answers the prayers of His saints and He gets the glory for what He does through those who are committed to Him. We are looking forward to fellowshiping again with you all soon, should the Lord tarry His coming.

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*October 29, 2015*

Just a quick update on my cancer surgery and recovery.

The surgery went very well. I underwent robotic assisted surgery for a little over five hours and feel like they did a lot of digging around inside. The operation was a complete success in my surgeon's opinion. We thank our Lord for His watch care and giving the surgical team skill and wisdom. They even did some minor repairs on the way to the prostate gland.

I will be in recovery for some time to come. My abdomen is very sore and I feel like I was used for batting practice. I praise God that each day is getting better and am seeing slow but steady progress.

The surgeon called and discussed the pathology from the surgery. The cancer on the gland was as expected and not any worse. My Gleason score remains a 7. There was no cancer in the lymph nodes which is good news. The only evidence of cancer outside the prostate was a microscopic trace in the nerve string on the prostate. The doctor said we have nothing to worry about (as if a Christian should worry anyhow). The doctor smiled when I told him that we are in God's hand.

For the next year, I will have to come back to OKC every three months for testing to see if anything develops somewhere in the body; then, every six months for a year; followed by yearly thereafter. It appears our home church may see more of us in the future.

While recovering for the next several months, I will be working on the training seminar on preparedness for missions. Other organizations continue to come on board with AMI to help when missionaries are in desperate need. I expect, the Lord willing, to hit the road again mid-year 2016. We are praying to that end.

Thank you all so very much for your prayers on our behalf and for the many kind comments and messages we received. You were an encouragement to us to keep on keeping on. Anita is coming through this all very well and her strength seems endless.

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**February 5, 2016**

*"Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable." Psalm 45:31*

Of course, the Lord is good all the time and cannot be otherwise. Whether the news is good or bad, He is to be praised and worshipped, for He works all things together for good.

In my case, the news is great. In a recent visit with my surgeon, he told me that the lab results showed no detectable traces of cancer. He was able to get all of the cancer during the surgery. Also, my progress in recovery and healing is ahead of normal for his patients. I still have another minor procedure to undergo next week, but that will be outpatient and only add a little bit more to my recovery time. For all of this, we are grateful to our Heavenly Father for His tender watch care over us. I wanted to wait until the results of the first tests were in to report back on our progress. I apologize for the delay in our reporting.

While recuperating, I have been able to get caught up on some much needed research and work on the training seminar and sessions I am putting together for sending pastors, missionaries, and mission organizations. Also, I have been able to assist some missionaries on their way to the field to better prepare for contingencies.

I received a call for help from a missionary who is a friend of the family of a missionary in Asia with severe pancreatitis. He is also a brittle diabetic. The family wanted him evacuated to the US. Sadly, as is often the case, they had no medical insurance or air evacuation membership. The cost of the air ambulance to fly him to the west coast of the US would be around \$250,000. They figured they could raise that through a GoFundMe account on the internet. His case was very urgent. They evacuated him to a hospital in Thailand in the interim and were not receiving quality medical care. It was going to take a long time to raise the cost of an air ambulance let alone the medical costs involved in the hospitalization.

I recommended they move him to another hospital that was in the area that is a world class hospital with excellent care and that could address his specific case. People from all over Europe travel to this hospital for treatment at much less cost for better care than is available in Europe. The family moved him to the hospital and they are able to treat his specific condition. They are still raising funds to cover the cost of the medical care.

As soon as the Lord permits me to get back on the road, I shall be working to encourage sending churches to work with their sent missionaries to ensure that they are covered for medical and evacuation. We owe it to our front line missionaries.

Please pray for wisdom as I work with several companies to keep the costs of air evacuation coverage reasonable and available for long term overseas missionary families. Also, please pray that God will continue granting me the rapid recovery He has so graciously given thus far. To God be the glory, great things He is doing.

In His Service,

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May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016

The news continues to be good on the health front. More lab work revealed no detectable traces of cancer. I am getting stronger physically and my endurance is improving. God has been so good. And now we are getting busier.

My preacher, Brother Gaddis, asked that I spend about three hours with three of our sent missionary couples and go over some of the material I am including in the training seminar. The session went very well and we learned some of the concerns that our missionaries have. The missionaries had many questions and we were able to discuss areas of concern to them. I have a better idea now what order to give the material in as well as how long the full seminar will be.

During the next several weeks, I will be finishing up some materials for distribution that describe the seminar. I also will be putting the finishing touches on several sermons covering the subject and showing the Biblical basis for this material as well as introducing the seminars. When God directed that I do my doctoral thesis on the Theology of Missions, I had no idea that it would be part of the preparation for this stage in our ministry. The steps of a good man are indeed directed by the Lord.

I cannot let this opportunity go by without once again saying thank you so much for your prayers lifted up on our behalf. God has answered the prayers of His people.

Just by way of clarification, the training seminar is oriented toward preparedness for missions in the church and includes the sending pastor and congregation, the missionaries, supporting pastors and churches, and those who are planning to go into missions. The principles and subjects covered in the sessions also apply to church members and members of the community as they look at being prepared for emergencies or disasters, either natural or man-made. These sessions would provide an opportunity to invite people from the community and establish contact and relationship with them. The first session is the Biblical basis for how to prepare for and react to crises and encompasses the Gospel. Please give me a call to discuss the possibility of conducting the seminar for you and your people or scheduling a meeting to preach the messages in the series.

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**August 8, 2016**

The news continues to be good on the medical front. I have to see the doctor every 90 days for two years for lab tests. So far, I am cancer free. To God be all the glory.

I received a call for assistance to transport the father-in-law of a medical missionary. The father-in-law had suffered a stroke and under the care of a local doctor in Europe. The family wanted to bring him back to the US. After several discussions with the family and the mission board of the missionary, I learned that he was recovering from the stroke and would not be able to travel for about two weeks. That period was required for him to get stabilized medically. The effects of the stroke were serious and would require special assistance. I recommended that the family contact the airlines and discuss transporting him by commercial air. This was the most cost effective way to get him back. The medical missionary was able to accompany him and the airlines were very helpful in his travel.

Often, when I get a call for help, the first request is for an air ambulance. That is very expensive without a membership in air evacuation companies. In many cases, if the patient is ambulatory or even in a wheel chair, and is not hooked up to an IV or other equipment, travel by commercial aircraft is far more affordable and possible. Of course, someone must accompany the patient as an attendant.

Recently a missionary family experienced an evacuation due to a wildfire. The entire city of 80,000 people had to evacuate. From their prayer letter, "While standing on our back porch, we watched a wall of fire 500' high heading for us and all anyone could do was get out. With only 4 hours' notice we packed up some basic essentials, grabbed what small valuables we have and pocketed our personal documents as we sat in traffic trying to get out of town. At one point we were sitting in grid locked traffic for 30 minutes as thick smoke, ashes and smoking debris cloaked us. We even had 4 water bomber aircraft drop their loads so close to us that it splashed our vehicles just to keep the flames at bay until the traffic could move and we could get clear. Not 10 minutes after the traffic moved and we made it clear of the fire, the flames crossed the road and completely burned down about 150 homes."

He told me in an email that they had forgotten to gather some important papers and documents before the mandatory evacuation. This episode illustrates the need for a checklist and to have their gear ready to go on short notice. They were fortunate to have four hours warning. Others facing approaching wildfires have had only twenty minutes to gather valuables and gear and evacuate. In our seminar, we will be emphasizing this and other aspects of preparedness and helping missionaries and pastors with materials and checklists to better prepare for emergencies. We must minimize to the extent possible the impact of disasters on mission work.

Thank you for your prayers and help as we labor together to better serve as senders and support our frontline missionaries in accomplishing the Great Commission.

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**November 22, 2016**

The last thing you probably think about while traveling outside the USA is getting a rare infection that shuts down vital organs and requires immediate hospitalization and treatment. The treatment for the infection is radical, but when the kidneys shut down, other complications arise. At a time like this, you just want to get back home to familiar surroundings and your own doctors and hospitals.

That happened recently to a missionary's wife while they were traveling in another country. When I received a call for assistance, the infection had shut down her kidneys and was affecting other vital organs. The couple did not have air evacuation coverage or a membership in an air evacuation company to pay for an air ambulance to transport her to their home hospital. They were going to have to pay out of pocket for the aircraft if they chose that option. The cost was going to be approximately \$20,000 – cash up front, of course. Or a credit card with that amount available on it.

When this happens is not the time to think about coverage for just such crises. And it is a crisis – especially when it is your wife. Once again, I strongly encourage sending churches to not only require such coverage for their missionaries, but to underwrite the expense of the coverage. I am currently in negotiations with another company to provide aeromedical evacuation for our missionaries. This company does not have geographical exclusions and appears to be more responsive to medevac around the world. Please pray as I talk with them that we will be able to get much better coverage for our people.

On the health front, Anita is doing well and I continue to be cancer free for which I praise our Lord. I still have to go back to the doctor every three months for a checkup and lab work. That rather interferes with our travel plans. But I find that there is really nothing wrong with God's plans. Good thing Oklahoma City is in the middle of the country.

May we all take extra time this week to express our thanks to the Lord for His goodness and mercy that He pours out upon us on a daily basis. *"In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."*

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