

# MISSION BRIEFING

AVIATION MISSIONS, INC. MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

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

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This has been a very busy time. The Lord has allowed AMI to help in evacuating the Allen Copeland family out of Puerto Rico where they have been missionaries for several years. I was able to connect him with a Baptist church network doing relief work there with a couple small missionary aircraft. Since then, he has made a trip down to PR to deliver some relief supplies and further assess the situation for future trips. He is going back November 6<sup>th</sup> to continue the work. AMI has been able to do something we haven't done in the past. We were able to arrange very good pricing on badly needed water filters for PR. The goal in all our efforts is the safety and well-being of our missionaries; not only to get them out, but help to get them back in with what they need. We must keep long term goals and vision for the mission field in mind.

This evacuation will be used in our seminar as a case study with the nearly two dozen observations made during the operation. I want to thank all those I contacted for help and assistance who went out of their way to help get this family to safety.

A recent call for assistance points out the urgency for pastors of sending churches (whether of long term missionaries or short term mission trips) to get the training offered in our seminar on preparedness.

A man who has made several mission trips each year to a region of Central America was on a trip to the same area. He was helping a little church in the countryside. He had a stroke. The trip to the hospital to receive medical care took a day and a half. Because of the delay, his condition had worsened. The hospital required payment in cash daily and did not recognize his insurance. The family must pay a little over \$3000 per day. Once stabilized for flight, the air evacuation ambulance will cost at least \$27,000 to get back to a hospital in the US.

Before going on such trips, a member should make arrangements for insurance, air evacuation, and remote communications. Perhaps, if this man had carried the InReach satellite device, his location, condition and need would have been identified within minutes, proper authorities notified and the process of evacuation transport to the nearest hospital begun. The cost for this preparation is less than one day's stay in that hospital.

If we are to continue to declare God's glory around the world and in remote regions, proper preparation and planning must be accomplished. That is within our reach. Let us therefore go forth boldly.

In His Service,

*Dr. Paul & Anita McCaulley*

## Prayer Requests

1. A satellite dish to replace existing dish that is unsupportable.
2. Emergency locator and management system.
3. Traveling safety.
4. Wisdom to deal with calls for assistance.
5. The training program for missionaries and pastors.



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