



“The Lord is good to those whose hope is in Him, to the one who seeks Him.” Lamentations 3:25

March 2023

Hello Family and Friends,

We've been back from Zambia for a month now. The familiar faces, hangar work, sunshine and warm weather were all a good combination for our time in Zambia! Joel, Mark, and Jason enjoyed working together on several big projects. First was a landing gear project and second was the engine change, plus there were a couple smaller projects to fill in any free time. We enjoyed seeing many of our church friends and always enjoy getting to know the newer Flying Mission families.

Flying Mission recently had the opportunity to help a young Zambian lady, Mary, who has been struggling with a tumor on her face. She lives in the northeastern part of Zambia and needed to go to Chitokoloki Mission Hospital in the western part of Zambia, where a doctor was visiting from the States who was a special facial surgeon. There was a flight request to go up into in her area, so a missionary friend near her worked together with Flying Mission to raise money to pay for a flight for her to get to the mission hospital. As an organization it's a privilege to be a part of these life changing opportunities! We appreciate seeing several mission organizations working together. The Lord's timing for this lady was evident as the visiting surgeon was available to do her surgery at that exact time.

On the same note, Zach and Kayla Merklung joined us last year and Zach has been developing Proclaim's Compassion Flights in partnership with two non-profit organizations, Lifeline Pilots and Angel Flight Central. The purpose is to provide free/discounted medical flights for those in need, to get to and from appointments with specialist, when distances and finances make it hard for them to get there. Always exciting to see the Lord open the door for more opportunities of service which provides a way to equip our future missionary pilots to use their skills and gifts to serve.

On Proclaim's maintenance side, Joel's apprentice, Kenny Hancock, just this week passed his written exam for his airframe and powerplant maintenance license. The apprentice program is 30 months. He now only has his oral & practical exam which is scheduled for later this month. Kenny and his family will spend the month of April in Alaska, looking at, and being looked at, by MARC. (Mission Aviation and Repair Center). We're excited to see the Lord continue to guide their family as they step into full time missions. Tom (first apprentice) and Nancy Armstrong are presently serving with MARC!

We arrived back from Zambia to help Sue's mom move from her independent living to Prairie Cottages where she gets more assistance. She's adjusting and settling well. She'll be celebrating her 99th birthday in June!

We're hoping for some warmer temps sooner than later! Also hoping to do some traveling later this summer to be able to visit many of you! It's been toooo long!

Thanks for your faithful financial support and prayers!! We are very grateful!

Sue & Joel



Mary, before and after her surgery



Colin (Pilot), Victor, Mary and Mary's Aunt Irene on their way to Chitokoloki Mission



Mark and Joel after the first flight with new engine

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