



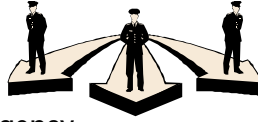
Welcome to Flying Together!

Welcome again to our team! We hope you will enjoy sharing in what's happening in Flying Mission.

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Flying Mission's Aviation Ministry at a Crossroads...



After many years of flying emergency patients for the Botswana Government, Flying Mission has come to the end of an era as we cease emergency medical flying for the Government on 16 May. Although we were initially disappointed to learn that the Government tender for emergency medical flying had been awarded to another operator, personnel in Flying Mission's aviation department have agreed that this is a positive development for Botswana.

One of Flying Mission's Aviation Department's objectives has been *"To provide a leading high quality medical service in Botswana"*. The emergency flying service will include care by paramedics for patients on emergency flights – a goal which we have been talking to the Ministry of Health about for over a year – so we have seen the fulfilment of this objective.

As we scale down with flying in Botswana, we can begin to look around and see where our available capacity can now be used in other directions. The FM Aviation department's other objectives include *Objective 2: To bring into operation a training school for aircraft maintenance engineers, serving the southern Africa region.* We will continue to develop the maintenance school - a wonderful opportunity to participate in building God's kingdom.

Objective 3 is *"To provide a high quality and affordable aviation service to missions, churches and non-government/non-profit organizations within the southern Africa region."* FM is looking at developing its flight programme in Zambia as flying in Botswana scales down.

On a broader scale, the Flying Mission HIV/AIDS ministry working in Botswana continues to have great need for personnel and funding and we foresee that it will continue to grow.



We want to continue to be open to the Lord's leading and guidance with the calm assurance that He will direct our paths.

Ko Kgotleng Home-Based Care receives house for day care centre



Martina Mogapi (left), Family Educator at a Gaborone government clinic, and Florah Majafe, a member of the community, had a vision to build a day care centre for home-based patients suffering from terminal illness who are dependent on the care of family members who may have to leave them alone in the home.

These two ladies approached Flying Mission in 2001 and a project began where volunteers from the community and short-term volunteers from Flying Mission help with the home-based care provided by the clinic.

The Ko Kgotleng ('shelter') Annual General Meeting on 4 April saw the opening of a house which will become the day care centre that was the dream of the founders of the Ko Kgotleng project.

Meals are already being provided for some of the home-based care patients using cooking equipment and food donated to the project. The project committee is still looking for donations of furniture and equipment for the house. Once the house is furnished, patients needing daytime care will be fetched from their homes and will spend the day at the centre, where their basic needs will be taken care of while their caregivers are at work.



A new member of our HIV/AIDS ministry team

Roberta McAvoy, a qualified Social Worker and Occupational Therapist, begins her work as Flying Mission HIV/AIDS Capacity Building Coordinator in August. At present she is doing a time of Initial Ministry/orientation in the village of Otse, 45 minutes from Gaborone, gaining insight into culture and language and exposure to community-based projects like orphan care and home-based care, while building up relationships with local people.



A visit to the Flying Mission hangar



Children from the standard two (second grade) class of Debbie Hammes, a member of the Flying Mission team who works at a Christian school in Gaborone, visited our hangar a few weeks ago. The children were given the opportunity to sit inside a small airplane, see how maintenance work is carried out and add to their mechanical skills and geographical knowledge as they learned about how airplanes work and where they fly.



You're invited to join the Flying Mission team!

- Pray for our work here – see our Quarterly Prayer Guide
- Give a one time gift or ongoing donations to one of our projects or towards Flying Mission – email us for more information
- Go! Do you have skills and experience that could be used to serve the Lord with Flying Mission? Check our Website to see what our current personnel needs are

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