

Dear Friends of Flying Mission

The FM Board approved the suggested changes we have been talking about in previous editions. The New Way Forward for FM was sealed at the AGM on the 26th April 2008. It was really amazing to see God's Hand in this process. HE worked unity and the decision was unanimous!! Thank you, LORD!

The main points are:

1. Flying Mission is **ONE** organisation with **three different Departments**:
FMS - Flying Mission Services
FMC - Flying Mission Care Ministries
FMZ - Flying Mission Zambia
2. Flying Mission will have a **Head Office** to serve these three Departments. The **Support Units** will be:
HR, ICT (Information and Communication Technology),
Fund Raising/PR and **Finance/Administration**.
3. With this new Structure comes a **new LOGO** and **Vision Statement**.
4. The title of the Director has been changed to **CEO**.
5. Tom de Waal has been appointed the **Deputy to the CEO** with special focus on FM's Aviation activities.

Thank you so much for your prayers as we work through the implementation.

Yours, John Lübbe



John F. Lübbe, CEO

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FM Board

FM
Head Office with CEO,
Deputy & Support Units

FMS
with the
AME School

FMC
With
Short Term Prog.

FMZ

Editorial

FMS

Department updates

- ✦ **New pilots: Jon Bell with wife Alys and Colin Brown with wife Julie**
- ✦ **Tim Schubert, Chief Pilot, away for 10 weeks furlough.**
- ✦ **Purchasing C 207 for Maun program, but still need an additional C 206 for Maun**
- ✦ **Flight hours averaging 200 hours per month, compared to June 2006 average 20 hours**
- ✦ **The Maun program has done very well and is averaging between 100 and 150 hours per month**
- ✦ **AME School making progress and plans to start in September 2008**





'Life to the Full' meeting with paraffin lamp



46 graduates showing their certificates

Burning bright

"Do you have electricity here?" I asked after preaching at the Sunday morning meeting. "No, we are trying to get the owners to connect it, but we use a paraffin lamp for our night time meetings" was the reply from the Pastor. The church meets in a Day Care centre in Bontleng which is a less privileged area with mainly small houses all crammed together.

The plan was to start a 'Life to the Full' discipleship group in the evenings and I was going to help them get started by taking the first three meetings, after which the Pastor and leaders would take over and run it themselves. So for 8 meetings I had the joy of studying God's word as Jesus would have, with an oil lamp. The group of

around 10 is now continuing on with the 18 foundational lessons which make up 'Life to the Full'.

At another church (which does have power) on the outskirts of Gaborone, 46 members recently graduated after successfully completing the same course. It was a joyous occasion and a privilege to have been able to train so many church leaders who will now be able to pass the training on.

Whether large or small church, electricity or paraffin lamp, we are committed to working to help fulfil Jesus command to make disciples and teach them to obey his commands.

By Peter Shaw, Discipleship Trainer

"No two days the same" ...



Nurse, Mma Loeto and team of volunteers, enjoying hospitality during an outreach at a cattle post

"No two days the same"... this comment was made by one of the Flying Mission volunteers when visiting with Home Based Care Volunteers in Otse, Kumakwane, Metsimotlhabe and Mogoditshane.

A 43-year-old Motswana woman who was very sick with HIV and TB was more concerned about having no food for her 10-year-old boy than her bed sore which made sitting in her wheel chair a problem. We went and bought chicken, rice and vegetables, and arranged for our nurse to visit the following week. However, when she arrived, the client had died that morning. She started interviewing the older son of 21 years to discuss ways of helping the children arrange the funeral.

A 28-year-old man from Zimbabwe knew that he was dying of AIDS. He was very thin and his eyes seemed dead. When we returned the next week and saw him still lying there, we knew we had to do something to help. He felt going to the clinic was futile knowing, as a foreigner, he was not eligible to receive free treatment. Then we heard of a local doctor, who provides free ARV treatment through a Trust. One month after starting ARV's, he is full of life once again. What a joy to see someone "come back to life"! This "new life" has also transformed him within. He has found new life in Jesus Christ.

The Capacity Building Team

FMC

Department updates

- 📌 A fundraising cake sale held in May bought warm clothing for 63 Children at Tumelong Day Care Centre.
- 📌 Home Based Care support and transport is ongoing at Otse, Holy Cross Hospice, Kumakwane and Metsimotlhabe HBC
- 📌 Started a children's Play Group at Princess Marina Hospital twice a week
- 📌 Facilitating guitar lessons at Kumakwane Primary with three girls and five boys
- 📌 Life Skills Training: Better Choices Workshop held in Thamaga empowered 30 young women in decision making

If you want to know more about these exciting developments, read on at <http://www.flyingmission.org/news> !



Internet in the bush? A new Horizon...

Linknet, one of FMZ's partner organisations, replies with an unequivocal YES! It has already set up 2 active rural Internet facilities in containers in rural medical centres. The first, at Macha in Southern Province, serves a Mission Hospital, Malaria Research Institute and a Community School. Just recently another unit opened at Mukinge Mission Hospital, in Kasempa, NW Province. FMZ flies Linknet location-

finders and technical support teams; it also carries technical equipment when needed in a hurry. When the Mukinge unit opened, FMZ even flew a supportive overseas visitor to witness the event for himself.

The internet facilities are available to medical personnel and the local community. They are bringing new horizons to many people groups living and working in rural places.



...Linknet plans to open 7 units in 2008! FMZ will be alongside...

Life changing communication...

Good communication between medical centres can be life-changing and even life-saving.

Only recently a group of 9 ladies from NW Province urgently needed surgery for a gynaecological problem they incurred in childbirth. Their condition often leads to rejection and derision in their communities. These ladies were scheduled to attend a Mission Hospital so that a visiting surgeon and anaesthetist could operate on them. They set off by road but their way was blocked and they had to return home. Once their

difficulty was communicated to Chitokoloki Hospital, FMZ pilot Phil Smith was despatched to their remote place to collect 5 of them.

A few days later, when the 5 had had surgery, the other 4 ladies arrived by road in time to get into the operating theatre before the surgeon had to leave! Good communications and the availability of a plane and pilot won the day. No wonder they look happy! They have a much brighter future to look forward to now.



...No wonder they look happy ...

Other new things happening...

FMZ plans to place another plane and pilot in the bush shortly. Rick Rempel, will soon be escorting his new bride, Tracey, back to Zambia. FMZ plans to place them in Macha, where they will support the community there. Another new season for FMZ and Macha will then begin.

Back at Chilongolo (FMZ base), a new hangar is in the process of being erected. It will provide the opportunity to maintain our planes in Zambia rather than make the arduous and expensive trip to Botswana.

Our new 4 double-roomed Guesthouse opened in June for those passengers who arrive late in the day or leave early, for those visiting FMZ to give support, or for tired missionaries who need to recharge their batteries in a quiet location: another new service for those who work in and for rural Zambia.

'See, I am doing a new thing... do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland'. Isaiah 43 v 19

All FMZ articles by Sally Green



...In Chilongolo a new hangar is being erected...

FMZ

Department updates

- ✦ Kenya Cessna 210 is imported into Zambia for registration
- ✦ Finance for first stage development of hangar is pledged
- ✦ Cessna 206 engine from USA has arrived in Africa
- ✦ The Wilsons & the Greens have been in USA and Europe on furlough/fund-raising
- ✦ Doug and Debbie Hammes have returned to continue working in Macha

Personnel info



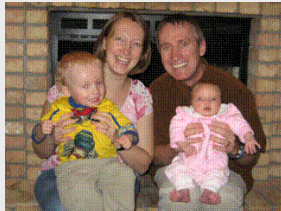
Jon pilot & Alysa Bell
joined FMS in June



Colin pilot & Julie Brown arrived
in July. He will be flying in Maun



Bojelo Marari,
receptionist for FMS



Guillermo pilot/mechanic & Mary-Ann Reddekopp with Samuel & Lavinia
joined FMZ



Rick pilot/mechanic & Tracey Rempel will fly for FMZ

Comings

Broadening Horizons

In February a team of 15 arrived from the USA to get a taste of mission work in Botswana.

For the past 2 years this team had been fundraising and praying for this trip.

They ministered in different ways. At the Tlamelo feeding project in Gaborone, they taught the children songs and stories about Jesus and showed them his love.

They were able to build a garden that now serves to provide vegetables for a hospice and its patients.

They travelled out to a rural community called Seherelela. It was a ground breaking time as many of the children had never seen white people and were terrified. The team again did a great job teaching the children stories and songs. Many lives were touched and changed. When they left the chief thanked them for coming and invited them back anytime.

With their 2 years of fundraising they were able to donate two vehicles along with some guitars and violins to the HIV and AIDS ministry.

As the team was a blessing, they were also blessed and challenged with the work they were involved with.

By Luke Saffarek



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Note: Applicants for all positions will need to raise their own financial support.

If you have been touched **to pray or to give** by any of these stories, it would be such an encouragement to us.

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