



Empowering Pastors

Part of Flying Mission's vision is to encourage the local church and to offer resources that facilitate more effective ministry. In keeping with this purpose Flying Mission hosted Lyndon Wall, a former pastor and Bible School lecturer, to offer a preaching workshop for Botswana pastors. Pastor Wall provided a three day seminar for over 20 local pastors focused on homiletics and expository Biblical preaching.

"This seminar was a vital step in encouraging growth among the pastors which in turn will grow the local church," said one pastor.



Local pastors gather for a seminar on Biblical preaching

Through these kinds of training and our ongoing Discipleship Programme, we are excited to work with the local church to build strong foundations in ministry.

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Taking up the Vision

In August, JoAnne and I were commissioned into office as Flying Mission's CEO. We would like to extend our personal greetings and ask that you pray with us for wisdom and discernment as we join Flying Mission and serve God.

The vision for Flying Mission should be clear, compelling, and common to all people. Vision is born out of revelation from the Holy Spirit and often times accompanied by powerful images and symbols. The cross and the dove in the Flying Mission logo represent the divine symbols of our vision. When we keep the cross of Christ in the center of our

lives, and receive the grace and truth given by the Holy Spirit then we are in store for wonderful blessings ahead!

The 30 year history of Flying Mission is rich with stories of saving lives and bringing hope. Therefore, I can see no greater unifying vision for Flying Mission than to "Glorify God".

If this is true, then join us and Flying Mission to serve God where we live, work, and recreate with our lives in full view of the world so

that others may see the love of Jesus Christ and be drawn to his salvation.

"Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might." Eph. 6:10

- Mike & JoAnne Webb



Head Office

- FM's bi-monthly Day of Prayer is a special time of intercession and worship. Join us in spirit during the next time of prayer on 28th January.
- For all our personnel needs visit www.flyingmission.org.

Department Updates

- Welcome to new FM team members: Jean Jones (Financial Manager), Kerileng Rakale (Office Administrator), Sheila West (Human Resources Assistant) and Levi Ruthardt (Short-Term Volunteer).





Trendy Change

Fifteen Batswana youth left a recent FMC workshop feeling empowered and motivated to work for change. These youth had already completed Flying Mission's Lifeskills programme and have founded clubs in their communities to encourage peers to make good life choices. Struggling with the logistics of running their own club, FM hosted a training so they could learn club management skills.

One participant spoke of their passion for helping their club develop, "It's reported that many of those in our country who are HIV+ don't even know it. We are still in denial. We are telling ourselves that this is a problem only in the city, but it is a problem in our villages, too. It is important to be informed."

Helping their clubs grow and develop means getting registered with the government so they can seek sponsorship. It means keeping financial records; it means

having written goals and objectives.



Winnie and Katli are both leaders in their community youth clubs

Flying Mission's Lifeskills Coordinator, Emanuel Nwako, was the workshop facilitator. "Club work is not just dancing, drama and choirs," said Emanuel. "All of that goes side by side with this

[financial management and record-keeping]." I asked some of the youth about Emanuel's statement. "Before you came today, did you realize that club work involves a lot more than dancing and drama?"

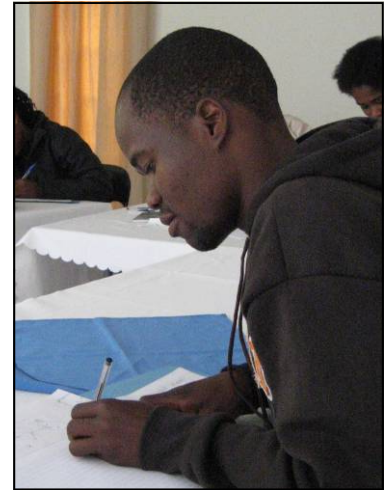
Katli, the founder and leader of the *Butterfly Abstinence Club* in Molepolole said, "No, I didn't know that all of this work is involved in running a youth club. But it doesn't frighten me. I feel empowered now to not only help my club succeed, but to help myself personally." After today's instruction, she feels motivated to get the 25-member club registered with the Botswana government.

Winnie, who leads the *Itsoseng Character Development Youth Club* in Kopong, also said she was unfamiliar with this side of club work. "Today's workshop was eye-opening," she said.

"We've done fund raising before, but we don't have any records to show it." Winnie also intends to get her club registered so that they can begin seeking sponsorship.

Cassius, who leads the 18-member *Vision Bearers Club* in Gabane, realized the administrative work involved, but didn't know how to do it. "I've long been waiting for this kind of information."

Why does Flying Mission invest so much in training young people to educate their peers? "Youth can reach other youth better," answered Mercy Leshomo, Flying Mission's Capacity Building Coordinator. And now, fifteen young people have the knowledge to do it with great success! - DS



Young leaders learn valuable administrative skills

FMC

- Twenty Volunteers from six different Home Based Care Centres received a week long basic bookkeeping workshop. This will enable them to better focus on their purpose: to support those struggling with HIV/AIDS.
- FMC was honored by the opportunity to join the Botswana Training Authority in establishing standards for Early Childhood Development (ECD) training; this will affect the future of ECD training standards nation wide. We are thrilled to have such a direct way to provide input.

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- Eleven new pre-school teachers from eight day care centres caring for orphans and vulnerable children began our Little Seeds Training Programme. Over the next 15 months these trainees will become better equipped to care for the educational, spiritual, physical and emotional needs of hundreds of precious children.
- Life Skills youth clubs held five outreaches that reached over 500 youth to encourage behavioral change through drama and music.

Flashes of Mercy

Mercy flights with FMS are always different: recently I have had car accident victims, critical maternity cases, an assault victim, a donkey cart crash, and struggling newborn babies. The calls come from smaller hospitals scattered across the country which refer their difficult cases to one of the two better equipped hospitals in the country.

As a pilot, I have transported patients to life-saving medical attention during three different decades. During the 80's and 90's, all of these mercy flights would have been referred to South Africa, but today almost all of the patients can be treated in Botswana. I am thankful for the vast improvements to the healthcare in Botswana.

One recent flight took me to Ghanzi where we collected a three day old baby in critical condition. I was busy behind the airplane's controls attempting to dodge thunderstorms when halfway into the flight the baby stopped breathing. The mother watched in desperation as the paramedics began attempts at resuscitation.

The circumstances instantly took me back to a similar flight 19 years ago in which I had been dodging thunderstorms across the Kalahari Desert while another

three day old baby fought for life. Before climbing into the airplane I remember watching my wife reluctantly surrender my daughter, Lisa, to the doctor, not wanting to have her baby die in her arms.



FMS provides a rapid link between rural and urban hospitals

As we flew between the storms, the doctor worked frantically trying to keep Lisa breathing. That long flight so many years ago was the most stressful flight of my career.

I found myself praying for the small child in the back, just as I had prayed for my daughter 19 years ago. I prayed for life

and that she would grow up to be a beautiful healthy young woman. Once a patient is delivered to the receiving hospital, FMS is not able to follow their medical progress. But just as I trusted God's faithfulness in the life of my daughter; I know I can trust God with the future of this small miracle too.

Roger Weaver and his wife Jolene have just returned to the USA after completing a term of service with FMS.



FMS

- FMS installed satellite tracking devices in all of its aircraft. This offers online GPS position reports for aircraft enabling better flight following which enhances safety and efficiency.
- SimCom, a Florida based organisation, will start providing King Air ground and simulator instruction and orientation for our new pilots. It is exciting to have improved ways to ensure all of our pilots are fully equipped before coming to FMS.
- FMS and FMZ both had representatives at EAA AirVenture in Oshkosh, WI, USA. This eight day

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- airshow, highlighting mission and humanitarian aviation, was a productive time of networking with other mission organisations, potential personnel and possible donors.
- In July the King Air (MJM) had a mechanical failure upon landing which resulted in substantial damage. FMS has been looking for a replacement aircraft. We remain confident of the Lord's hand in this situation.
- Welcome to new FMS team members: Greg (Pilot/Mechanic) and Teresa Barker, Yvan Duchesne (Chief Engineer) and Baatseba Makalane (Parts Clerk).

Momentum in Macha

Flying Mission Zambia is helping to train new leaders in Macha, a small rural community that doesn't often make it onto geographical maps. Nevertheless, people are sitting up and taking notice of what's happening here.

A couple of years ago, Hey Moono was working as a gardener tending vegetables. Now he is manager of the local airport, guiding several Flying Mission flights



Development continues at Macha

in and out of Macha each week. He also manages over 250 people in the clearing and planting of over half a million Jatropha trees at an innovative bio-fuel farm aimed at energy sufficiency at Macha Mission.

Just two short years ago, Fred Mweetwa was going door to door selling fruit trees he

had grown from seed. Now he is the general manager of Macha Works, a rural based cooperative organiza-

tion and Flying Mission partner. Fred recently led the organization through its first three external financial audits. It showed that his large group of local talents managed more than one million US Dollars of direct investment for deployment in community based, holistic projects in rural Zambia.



Hey (middle) manages flights in Macha

God is certainly moving in Macha! This recent and remarkable growth is based upon a shift in philosophy congruent with the gospel. With unwavering focus on sustainable rural progress, and recognition of the talents that God has given each of us, local heroes at Macha use Flying Mission's services to fly point-to-point in rural Zambia. Hey and Fred, as well as other local leaders are being actively encouraged to become better leaders through the activities of Flying Mission and our partners in Macha.

FMZ

- Great progress is being made on the hangar with help from work teams from Australia and the USA and some expert builders.
- Our generator is getting close to being connected which will provide stable and consistent power at our base of operations in Chilongolo.
- Welcome to new FMZ team members in January: John (Pilot) and Faith Solt.

Department Updates

- Two storage containers will be arriving soon containing baby formula to be utilized in a feeding program targeting malnourished infants, school supplies for both the Rainbowz programme and the Macha Innovative Christian school and medical supplies for the mission hospital. Thank you to the generous donors!

If you have been prompted **to pray or to give** because of these stories please contact us!

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