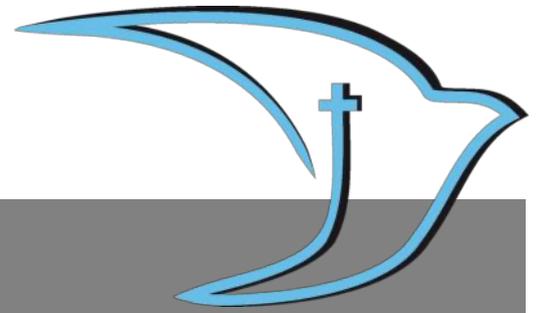


January—February 2026



FLYING MISSION E-MEMO

Our mission is to transform lives in our communities for Christ through aviation, training, and care ministries in Botswana, Zambia and the region.



Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

—Hebrews 12:2

Dear Flying Mission Friends

This verse is a powerful reminder that our faith begins and ends with Jesus. He is both the **author** (the one who initiates faith in us) and the **finisher** (the one who brings it to completion).

Jesus willingly faced the agony of crucifixion, not because it was easy, but because He saw the joy beyond it—the redemption of humanity and His victory over sin.

Crucifixion was meant to humiliate, but Jesus transformed shame into glory. Through Him, our shame is covered, and we are restored.

His exaltation shows that the cross was not the end—it was the pathway to eternal triumph.

Prayer: *Lord Jesus, You are the author and finisher of my faith. Help me to keep my eyes fixed on You, especially when life feels heavy. Thank You for enduring the cross and turning shame into victory. May I walk in the joy You secured for me.*

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **1. Annual General Meeting (AGM)** Please be advised that, due to the pending audit, it is clear we will not be able to hold the AGM before the 1st of April, which is prior to our annual registration expiry. The AGM date will be decided and communicated to you as soon as the audit has been completed. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this delay may cause and appreciate your understanding.
- **Membership Renewal Reminder** We would also like to remind you of the annual renewal of your Flying Mission Membership. As per **ARTICLE 3.4.3 of the Flying Mission Constitution**, renewals should be submitted in writing or by email no later than **28th February 2026**. We kindly encourage you to respond by return email, as this will allow for a quicker and more convenient renewal process.

Thank you for your continued commitment and support of Flying Mission.

Warm regards,

Owen Wozhele

Flying Mission Chairman

Engine Overhaul Completed: A Season of

Teamwork, Mentorship, and Faithfulness

From November 2, 2025, through early February 2026, our maintenance hangar at Flying Mission Zambia was the setting for an important and demanding project: one of the airplanes that has been faithfully maintained by Flying Mission Zambia for many years required a full engine overhaul, led by **Mark Grattan**.



Open Engine

Under Mark's leadership, the maintenance team invested more than 100 man hours into the overhaul process. This was not simply a mechanical task, but a season of careful planning, precision work, and teamwork. Early in the project, Mark personally flew to Chicago with the crankshaft, collected new cylinders, and transported them back to Zambia—an essential step in ensuring the engine would be rebuilt to the highest standard.

Additional parts, including the overhauled crankshaft, arrived in early January with Joel Bolthouse, who, together with his wife Sue, faithfully visits twice a year to support our maintenance and mission team in every way possible. Joel mentored both Mark and Bryan Martin throughout the overhaul, sharing his deep knowledge and experience in engine work and ensuring the next generation of mission aviation mechanics continues to grow in skill and confidence.

Joel and Sue's connection to Flying Mission runs deep. They were the very first missionaries with Flying Mission Zambia, having moved from Botswana to Zambia in early 2004. Since 2018, they have been serving the mission aviation community full-time with Proclaim in Worthington, Minnesota. Their continued investment in Zambia is a testimony to their heart for this ministry.



Joel at work

After months of focused labor, careful inspection, and reassembly, the long-awaited moment arrived. On Tuesday, February 3rd, the final test flight took place successfully, operated by Jason Speichinger. It was a milestone that marked not only the completion of a technical project, but the fruit of collaboration, mentorship, and perseverance.

Beyond the hangar, Joel and Sue's presence was, as always, a tremendous encouragement. Their stories, experience, and fellowship blessed the entire team. From lively game nights to shared meals—and of course Sue's famous chocolate chip cookies—their visit strengthened both our work and our community.

This engine overhaul stands as a successful project in our maintenance shop and a wonderful season of partnership and fellowship.

A heartfelt thank you to Sue and Joel, Mark, Bryan, and Jason for the hard work, dedication, and heart you invested in this project. Your service keeps our aircraft flying—and our mission moving forward.



Airplane outside hangar

Academic and Character Excellence



School Management, Instructors and Students

Early this year, the best performing students of the two classes AP16 (second-year students) and AP17 (first-year students) were recognized for their outstanding performance in the previous semester.

The top ten students in each class were called out for recognition.

- The top three students of each class received certificates of appreciation for their academic excellence.
- In addition, students who demonstrated moral conduct and good character were honored. Two students from each class (one male and one female), selected by the School Instructors and staff, received certificates of appreciation for their exemplary character.

This recognition reflects our commitment to nurturing both academic achievement and strong values among our students.



School Management presenting certificates



Alpha Class 2026

On January 6, 2026, the Alpha Youth Course welcomed the new class of 2026 (AP17 first-year students). The first day was filled with expectant hearts and joy as students and facilitators engaged in worship, games, video sessions, snack sharing and group discussions.

The class consists of 33 students and is supported by 5 facilitators, including three dedicated volunteers. This vibrant start set the tone for a year of growth, fellowship, and learning.



Youth Budget Pitso

On January 27, 2026, the Aviation Academy Flying Mission School Representative Council (SRC) honored the invitation from the Botswana National Youth Council (BNYC) and the Ministry of Finance to attend the Youth Budget Pitso at Travel Lodge, Gaborone.

The event was graced by, the Vice President of Botswana and Minister of Finance, the Minister of Youth & Gender Affairs and other key stakeholders.

The gathering emphasized the importance of collaboration between government and youth to advance Botswana's development and position the nation as a high-income country.



School SRC Representative

Bible Distribution

We are grateful to share recent highlights from our ongoing Bible Distribution Program, which continues to bring God’s Word to those who need it most.

- **Prison Ministry Impact:** Already, 23 Bibles have been distributed to first-offender male prisoners enrolled in a discipleship program. These men are being given not only the Scriptures but also the opportunity to grow spiritually and rebuild their lives on a firm foundation of faith.
- **Community Outreach in Mochudi:** We also responded to a heartfelt request from a church in Mochudi, where 9 Setswana Bibles were provided to elderly ladies. This gift ensures that they can read and reflect on the Word of God in their own language, strengthening their faith and fellowship.

These efforts reflect Flying Mission’s commitment to making the Bible accessible to all—whether in prisons, rural communities, or wherever the need arises. Each distribution is a step toward transformation, hope, and renewal.



The Ladies with their new Bibles

Kgatelopele After-School Program

We are delighted to share the outstanding achievements of the students on this program who sat for the 2025 PSLE exams.

A total of 37 students from our after-school tuition program, demonstrated remarkable success.

Here are the results:

- 16 students achieved an A grade
- 12 students earned a B grade
- 7 students received a C grade
- 1 student attained a D grade
- 1 student received an E grade

These results reflect not only the hard work and determination of our students but also the dedication of our tutors and the support of the wider community. The majority of our learners achieved strong passes, with nearly half securing top grades.

This is a testament to the transformative power of education and the resilience of young people when given the right opportunities.

We are proud of their accomplishments and remain committed to nurturing even greater success in the future.

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A new board has recently been elected, and members met for formal introductions, marking the beginning of a fresh chapter of leadership

On Thursday, 26th February, the centre underwent its council reinspection. We are pleased to report that the inspection was successful, and the operating licence has now been issued.

The school opening, scheduled for 3rd March 2026, is still pending final approval.