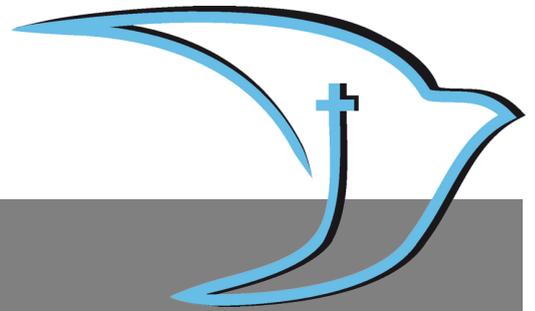


July –August 2025



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.



Dear Flying Mission Friends

Scripture Focus:

“When Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: ‘Every Hebrew boy that is born you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live.’ But a Levite woman... hid him for three months.”— *Exodus 1:22–2:2*

“When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious... he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under.”— *Matthew 2:16*

Chaos. Violence. Fear. Loss. These are not just ancient realities — they are part of our world today. And they were very present in the days of Moses and Jesus.

When Pharaoh ordered the murder of every Hebrew baby boy, it was a dark time for God’s people. Amid genocide and oppression, one child was quietly hidden. Moses, a baby floating in a basket on the Nile, became a sign that God had not forgotten His people — even in the storm.

Centuries later, when Herod felt threatened by the birth of a promised King, he unleashed the same evil — killing innocent boys in Bethlehem. Yet in the middle of that horror, Jesus, the Son of God, was quietly whisked away to Egypt — the very land where Moses had once lived. History echoed with pain... but also with **promise**.

What does this tell us?

That **God doesn’t always stop the chaos — but He is present in it.**

That **salvation often begins in hidden places.**

That **hope is born in the dark.**

Both Moses and Jesus entered the world during times of mass destruction. Yet through both of them, God brought **deliverance**.

Reflection:

- Where do you see chaos in your life right now?
- What “basket” might God be using to carry you through
- Could it be that your current confusion is actually the stage where God is working out something redemptive — even if unseen?

Moses was hidden in the Nile. Jesus was hidden in Egypt. You may feel hidden too — but not forgotten.

Annual General Meeting – 7th June 2025

The Annual General Meeting of Flying Mission was held on the 7th of June 2025 at the FM-AMETS hangar, with a strong turnout from members. This gathering marked a significant moment in our history, as it was the first AGM following the passing of our beloved founders, Dr. Malcom McArthur and Mrs. Gudrun McArthur.



The new elected Board

In a heartfelt tribute, Mr. Lubbe shared the remarkable journey that led Dr. Malcom McArthur to establish Flying Mission. He spoke with conviction about the extraordinary compassion and unwavering commitment that both Dr. McArthur and Mrs. McArthur poured into their work. Their lives were a testament to faith in action—serving with humility, courage, and a deep love for others. Their impact remains profound, having touched countless lives and laid a foundation of service that continues to shape our organization today.

We solemnly acknowledge the passing of Dr. Malcom McArthur on 9th

July 2024 and Mrs. Gudrun McArthur on 15th August 2024. In their honour, a moment of silence was observed, followed by a prayer of thanksgiving, as we reflected on their enduring influence and the values they instilled in Flying Mission.

Pastor Wozhele then led a powerful reflection, reading from Nehemiah 2:16–19. He drew a compelling analogy between Nehemiah’s distress upon receiving troubling news from home and the current state of Flying Mission. He emphasized that, just as Nehemiah rallied his people to re-



The attendees at the AGM

build Jerusalem, we too must come together—united in purpose and spirit—to restore and strengthen Flying Mission.

His message was a call to action: to hold hands, work collaboratively, and rebuild the organization with renewed determination and faith.

The Chairman, Mr. Kabo Nametso, proceeded to guide members through the formal proceedings of the AGM, including the election of the new Board.

Programme Upgrade

The winds of change are blowing strong at FM-AMETS t/a Aviation Academy Flying Mission. As a key department of Flying Mission, the Academy is undergoing a major programme upgrade to elevate its Aircraft Maintenance Engineering Diploma from a two-year to a three-year qualification. This strategic overhaul aligns the curriculum with the Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA) E-series standards and ICAO Part 147 requirements, as mandated by the Civil Aviation Authority Botswana (CAAB). The revised structure will offer more learning credits, deeper exposure to modern aviation practices, and extended industrial attachment periods—ensuring our graduates are better equipped for the evolving demands of the aviation industry. The school management is currently in consultation with relevant stakeholders to ensure that programme accreditation is compliant with essential protocols and statutes.



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Enrolment Update

Following a four-week break, the Academy resumed training and welcomed 35 new Year 1 learners into

the Aircraft Maintenance Engineering Diploma programme. The cohort, known as AP17, includes 13 females and 22 males. With this intake, total enrolment now stands at 65 learners—60 government-sponsored and 5 self-sponsored. Meanwhile, 36 learners are currently gaining hands-on experience through industrial attachments at Approved Maintenance Organizations. This group is set to graduate on 5th December 2025.

Farewell to Pastor Emanuel Nwako

On 28th May 2025, the Academy bid a heartfelt farewell to Pastor Emanuel Nwako, who retired after 21 years of dedicated service. A pioneer of the Academy, Pastor Nwako served faithfully as Resident Pastor and Instructor for Life Skills and the Alpha Programme. His legacy of mentorship, spiritual guidance, and unwavering commitment will be deeply missed.



Pastor's Nwako, school president and Accountable Executive Col. Conrad O. Isaacs (rtd)

Welcoming Pastor Kgato Khuting

Stepping into this vital role is Pastor Kgato Khuting, appointed on 16th June 2025. An alumnus of the Academy, Pastor Khuting brings both familiarity and fresh energy to the position of Resident Pastor and Instructor. His return marks a new chapter of continuity and growth in the Academy's spiritual and personal development programmes.



Pastor Khuting

A POEM BY KAENE PIET, FM –AMETS STUDENT

It's an honor to stand before you all today, a day tinged with a mix of sadness and immense gratitude, as we bid farewell to a truly remarkable individual, Mr. Emmanuel Nwako.

Mr Nwako has always been a testament to the idea that great things come in small packages. As someone who also experiences the world from a slightly lower altitude, I've always felt a special kinship with him. But what he may lack in height, he more than makes up for in heart, wisdom, and an unwavering moral compass.

Mr Nwako is more than just a teacher; he's a mentor, a confidant, and for many of us, a guiding light. He taught us the importance of compassion, forgiveness, and kindness, not just through his words, but through his actions. He embodied the very principles he taught.

He has this incredible ability to truly listen, to synthesis what you're feeling without judgment. He's always been genuinely eager to know how you're doing, not just on the surface, but deep down. It's a rare gift, and one that has profoundly impacted so many of us.

And let's not forget that ever-present smile! Mr Nwako is one of the most genuinely jolly people I know. Even on the toughest days, his infectious smile and his hearty laugh could brighten any room. He always had a story, a witty remark, or a profound insight to share. His pedagogical approach was always engaging, turning complex ideas into accessible wisdom.

On a personal note, Mr Nwako, you have played a truly significant part in my life. Your wisdom, your guidance, and your steadfast commitment have helped shape me into the person I am today. And though it feels as if we have some unfinished flight plans, know this: the altitude you helped me gain was anything but negligible. The insights, the guidance, and the compassion you shared weren't small at all; they are a forever propeller, ensuring that the journey continues and the upward trajectory is sustained. For all that, and so much more, I am eternally grateful. You've not just taught me lessons; you've given me tools for life.

While we are sad to see you go, we are also incredibly excited for you as you embark on your next chapter. We know that whatever you do, you will continue to touch lives with your kindness, your wisdom, and your joyful spirit.

So, on behalf of the entire school, thank you, Mr Nwako, for everything. Thank you for your resolute devotion, for your profound wisdom, for your infectious joy, and for being the truly extraordinary human being that you are. You will be deeply missed, but your impact on us will last a lifetime. We wish you all the very best.



Kaene Piet, student at FM-AMETS

Provision, Purpose, and Progress at FMC

We lift our eyes to the One who makes all things possible. In a season of challenge and change, we are filled with gratitude for God’s faithful provision sustaining FMC and fuelling our mission forward.

Bible Distribution

Early this year, FM UK generously donated 200 Bibles, which have been distributed through the discipleship program held this year;

- 20 Bibles: Letlhakane Prison
- 23: Gaborone Village Men’s Prison
- 34: Gaborone Village Women’s Prison
- 33: AMETS Students

Each Bible placed in the hands of the incarcerated is a seed of hope. The program is deeply impactful, and our prayer remains that the living God will reveal Himself to every recipient.



Bible Distribution at FM– AMETS ALPHA

Donations Received

- FM UK: 200 Bibles
- Flying Mission USA: P6,640.11 to Kago Baile
- United Free Church of Scotland: P85,126.09 (majority toward Rerotlhe)
- Former FM missionary family: P7,447.13 toward FMC projects

Despite economic challenges, these gifts are a testament to God’s faithfulness and the generosity of our partners.



Bible Distribution at FM– AMETS ALPHA

Kgatelopele Workshop – October 17

To support Standard 7 boys of Kgatelopele after school tuition program during their vulnerable PSLE break, FMC will host a one-day workshop on drug abuse and gender-based violence. Held at the Literacy Cabin, this initiative aims to equip them with tools to make wise choices and resist harmful influences.

Meet Tsholo

Johanna Tsholofelo Bakwena is a driven Business graduate with a background in beauty pageantry, customer service and entrepreneurship. Guided by her faith, she is passionate about uplifting others and creating opportunities for the less privileged. Living up to the meaning of her name Tsholofelo- Hope, she strives to be a source of hope, light and inspiration, making a positive impact in every space she enters.



Rerotlhe Update

With 40 children enrolled, Rerotlhe closed for the term and reopens on 9th September. We visited the centre on closing day and donated clothing—thank you to all who made this possible.



Rerotlhe Clothes Donation

Dedication of the Lambya Bible – A Historic Moment in Malawi

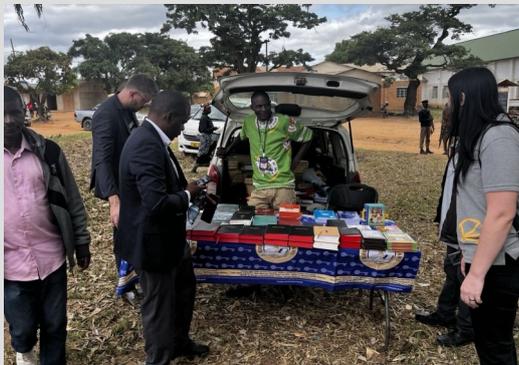
In April, Flying Mission Zambia had the privilege of supporting a remarkable event in Malawi: the **dedication of the Lambya Bible**, a translation project led by the organization *Word for the World*. After **21 years of faithful labor**, the Lambya-speaking community gathered to celebrate the arrival of Scripture in their own heart language.

A total of **2,512 people** attended the dedication ceremony, each receiving a copy of the Bible—many for the very first time. The atmosphere was filled with joy, reverence, and gratitude as generations witnessed the fulfillment of a dream that had spanned decades.

This moment is a powerful reminder of the transformative impact of God's Word. As Abraham Lincoln once said:

"I believe the Bible is the best gift God has ever given to man. All the good from The Savior of the world is communicated to us through this Book."

We are honored to have played a small part in this historic occasion by flying staff members of *Word for the World* to Malawi. Their work continues to inspire us, and we celebrate with them the eternal significance of this achievement.



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Playground Opening – A Joyful Milestone for Flying Mission

In **June 2023**, Flying Mission Zambia began a heartfelt journey—collecting donations to build a **children's playground** on our property. Thanks to the generosity and prayers of many, that dream became a reality.

By **May 2025**, the playground was completed, and its **grand opening** was a joyful celebration! Laughter, excitement, and community spirit filled the air as children explored their new space for the very first time.

This playground is more than just swings and slides—it's a place of connection, growth, and joy. From now on, children in the surrounding community have a safe and welcoming environment where they can **play together**, build friendships, and experience **God's love** through our weekly **Rainbowz children's program**.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who contributed to this vision. Your support has planted seeds of hope and happiness that will flourish for years to come.



FMZ Playground



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