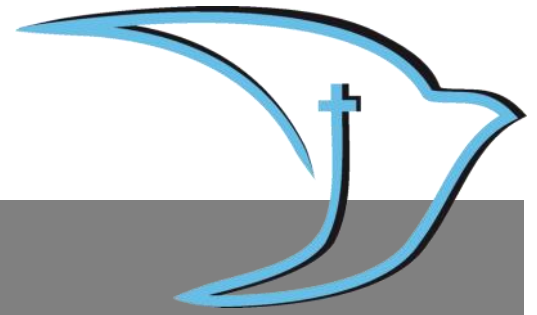


March - April 2026



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.



A man without self-control
is like a city broken into and left without walls.
Proverbs 25:28



Dear Flying Mission Friends

There will be times in your life when you experience negative feelings that you cannot explain. Yes, you may be facing some trying circumstances but they don't warrant the emotions you are experiencing. But no matter how hard you try, you cannot pinpoint the source of your despair or why ungodly thoughts are flooding your mind. All you really know is that something is wrong. It feels as if you're under attack from some invisible enemy, covertly convincing you to give up.

Friend, take heart. You are indeed engaged in an unseen spiritual battle. Ephesians 6:12 explains, "Our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places". These foes wage war against your spirit by contradicting the truth of God and the hope He offers you. Slowly they chip away at what you know to be true in order to drive you to your downfall.

This is why today's proverb teaches that a person who fails to control his or her spirit is like a city without defences. You have a choice over what you believe, over what you allow to influence your spirit.

But if you refuse to take a stand, you will continually face defeat. So what can you do to claim victory? 2 Corinthians 10:5 admonishes,

"Demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ". In other words, take control of this spiritual battle by affirming the truth of Scripture and applying godly wisdom. Success is yours. Claim it today in Jesus's name.

Prayer: Father, protect me with Your truth. Tear down the lies of the enemy and lead me to Scripture with which to fight this battle. Thank You that I am more than a conqueror through Christ. Amen

Best wishes,
The Flying Mission Team

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REROTLHE

March marked a significant milestone for Rerotlhe. The school received its operating license on **5 March** and opened just four days later, on **9 March**. During a follow-up visit, we were joined by a representative from a local organization interested in partnering with us. Their generous donation of food supplies and clothes was a great blessing, and we are hopeful this will lead to ongoing collaboration.



Donated clothes and food

It was also a joy to host community leaders from Seherelela including the Chief, Councilor, Village Development Committee leader, and Rerotlhe chairperson. Sharing tea and coffee together created a warm moment of connection, and we were able to inform them about the upcoming UFCS visit. Their enthusiasm and support were deeply encouraging, with the Chief assuring us that the children will be well prepared for the visit.

UFCS VISIT

We are excited to announce an upcoming visit from the United Free Church of Scotland (UFCS). From **25 June to 6 July 2026**, a team of nine members led by Rev. Patricia Johnston will be visiting Botswana.

This visit, organized through the UFCS Global Focus Working Group, aims to deepen connections between faith and global mission. The team is especially eager to engage with Flying Mission projects and build lasting relationships with our communities. We look forward to hosting the team and sharing firsthand the work being done on the ground.

KGATELOPELE

“Kgatelopele,” meaning *pursuit of greatness*, continues to impact young lives in meaningful ways. We extend our sincere thanks to volunteers from First National Bank Botswana and students from Legae Academy for supporting our learners academically. We also appreciate the generous donation of reading books and Easter treats from Thornhill School, which brought joy to our students at the close of the first term.

A special highlight was the opportunity for **50 students** to attend the FNB Botswana Grand Prix at the National Stadium. This exposure was both exciting and inspiring, and we are grateful to FNB Botswana and our donors for making it possible.

ALPHA AT AMETS



Awarding of Certificates

We recently concluded a **13-week Alpha course** at AMETS, ending with a joyful graduation ceremony. We were honored to host Mr. Vijay Passat, President of Alpha Botswana, who shared encouraging words and presented certificates to the participants. The course created space for learning, reflection, and relationship-building. Feedback from participants was inspiring:

“The games gave us a chance to relax our minds and forget our stress.”

“I learned a lot and will practice what I learned.”

“It changed my way of viewing things about Christianity.”

“I learnt more than I expected from the course.”

“As an agnostic, it opened my views that I had about Christianity.”

We are encouraged, honored, and humbled by the openness of the students and grateful for the oppor-

CAREER FAIR ENGAGEMENT

The Botswana Human Resource Development Council hosted a vibrant career fair at the Gaborone Fairgrounds, bringing together institutions from across the country including the Aviation Academy Flying Mission.

The exhibition floor was alive with curiosity, conversation, and exploration as students engaged with exhibitors and discovered opportunities. Our team made up of administrative staff, instructors, and students did an excellent job presenting the academy and its offerings.

Our students, in particular, represented the academy with confidence and positive energy.



Above are some of pictures taken at FM-AMETS stalls



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AP 16 PRACTICAL TRAINING

Practical training is currently underway for our AP 16 class in the hangar. As seen in the picture on the left, students are gaining hands-on experience working on reciprocating engines as they prepare for their upcoming theory examinations in May.

Following the exams, students will move on to industrial attachments in June with various companies across the country—an important step in their professional development and transition into the aviation industry.

AP16 students at work

SPIRITUAL LIFE CONFERENCE



Group photo

From **12–15 April 2026**, we had the great joy of hosting our annual Spiritual Life Conference (SLC) — and for the very first time, it took place right here on the Flying Mission Zambia farm. This was a meaningful milestone, creating a deeper sense of belonging as we gathered in a place that reflects both our mission and our community.

This year’s theme, **“Identity in Christ,”** invited each participant to pause, reflect, and realign their hearts with the truth of who they are in Him. Through powerful teaching, personal testimonies, and meaningful times of prayer and fellowship, we were reminded that our identity is not defined by roles, responsibilities, or challenges — but by Christ alone.



Lunch time

We were deeply blessed to welcome Mary-Ann and Guillermo Reddekopp, former FMZ missionaries, who traveled from Canada to lead the adult sessions. With wisdom, authenticity, and heartfelt encouragement, they shared in a way that was both spiritually grounding and practically applicable. Their presence was also a special opportunity to reconnect as part of the wider FMZ family.

They were accompanied by their three children, who served wholeheartedly alongside Sherry and her daughter — also visiting from Canada — to care for the children during the conference. Their love and dedication created a nurturing environment where the younger attendees were also ministered to, allowing parents to fully engage in the sessions.



Football

We were equally blessed in practical ways. Gabi Seiler, another former FMZ missionary, served through her charity, *The Mocha Puddle*, by organizing and providing catering for the retreat. The meals not only nourished us but also created space for fellowship, connection, and shared moments around the table.

Throughout the four days, there was a tangible sense of joy, unity, and spiritual refreshment. Hosting the SLC on our own property added a unique and meaningful dimension, reminding us of God’s provision and faithfulness.

We are sincerely thankful to everyone who contributed — through teaching, serving, organizing, and participating. It was a rich and memorable time, and our prayer is that the truths shared will continue to take root in our hearts, shaping and strengthening us in our calling — firmly grounded in our identity in Christ.