

Hello to All ! The last two months have been full of travel and meetings for us. They say it will snow in Idaho by Friday so Winter is here for sure. Nancy and I will be going to the Grace College Missions Conference this year to speak and share about MAF. This will be the first time back since we went to school there ! Also, the place where we first saw each other and dated ! There have been many changes and it will be fun to see our old dorms and places we used to go ! We will then go on down to Southern Indiana and have Thanksgiving with our family at Elisa and Kurt's farm. (most of all to be with Austin !!!) Most of you should soon get our new prayer letter that just went out this week for Fall. Stephen 's wife Almaria should have her baby right at Christmas time – so our best gift will be a new grandson this year. Everyone is coming to Idaho for Christmas this year and we hope to see the new baby too !!

I have been very busy visiting the Colleges and talking with the students that are on a Missions Track for MAF in their future. It is great to work with these young people as they prepare for serving overseas in Missionary Aviation. Every time I look at their faces, I can see me so many years ago, wanting to get to the mission field as fast as I can ! It's a long road with lots of school, flight training, language school, raising support before you really get there and start flying. Now with a bad economy, college costs are becoming a mountain to climb to get to the mission field.. Also, many churches are cutting back on mission giving and letting a lot of missionaries go from their support. The new people going out are having a harder time in raising their support. Pray for us too, as MAF has had to raise our monthly support another 800.00 this year for all of its staff. The cost of fuel and airplanes and parts have all gone way up as well. Missionaries overseas remain very busy and asking for more pilots and aircraft to serve them in their ministries. Large Disasters around the world have added to our increase in flying and need for staff. We are still very busy in Haiti and even in Sumatra, Indonesia with the earthquake flying. Our hope is to recruit 30 new missionary pilots this year !!

The economy has also affected our Mission Guest house – His Place. We have filled out paperwork 5 times now for Bank of America to refinance His Place and they so far offer us no help. Pray with us as we seek ways to keep His Place open for the many missionaries that stay with us each year. Time is running out for us and we hope to hear by next week what they will be willing to do ?

The economy has also affected us getting the new Kodiak aircraft which are needed greatly on the field. We have two more for a total of 11 now operating around the world. We need 35 more to replace the old piston engine driven aircraft as the fuel is costing us 18.00 a gallon. As a ministry the company is giving them to us at about half price and their hope is to sell enough to give them to missions for free.

We pray all of you are doing well during these uncertain times. The only thing in our lives that does not change is God, now or ever ! In the future year we will be making trips to revisit our supporters and churches and hope to find others that God has put in their hearts to be partners with us in this ministry. Like all of you for so many years have been

partners with us and our family. Nancy and I will be sending out some letters asking about some time to come and visit all of you in the New Year. Hope to see you then.

Blessings, The Hooks

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