

# **Missionary Air Group**

# Year-End Ministry Summary December 2012

Dear Ministry Partner,

As a pilot, I am trained to keep my focus on what's ahead of me—always several steps "ahead of the airplane". This also seems to fit my personality quite well—ever charging ahead to the next project. But God challenges me, as He did with Israel in Deuteronomy 8, to look back—to REMEMBER "how the Lord your God led you..." As Israel was being mobilized to move ahead, it was critical that they possessed the courage and assurance that comes from realizing that God himself had been the One leading them and providing for their every need—even causing them to hunger so that His provision might be that much more evident. They couldn't boldly move forward without looking backward at what God had already done on their behalf! This is still true for God's people—especially for us as a ministry!

God's provision has been evident to MAG in many ways this year, but none more so than the new missionary staff He has brought us recently. The photo below was taken at the recent dedication of our new airplane. Starting from the left, we see Carlos and Shirley Paz. Carlos is now heading-up pastoral ministry and discipleship efforts in Honduras. Scott Grote (his wife Jessica is not pictured) will be joining us from a partner ministry in Ohio to serve as the Director of aircraft Maintenance. Next is me, followed by Westley Wiles, our Pilot Mechanic in Rus Rus, then Karen and Kieth Dodson. Also from Ohio, Keith will be our new Director of Operations and Administration. Karen, a Registered



Nurse, will coordinate medical resources and teams. Not pictured is Paul Jones, still in language training in preparation for deployment as our Pilot-Mechanic in our new Guatemala program. Wow! I am honored and humbled to be part of this team that God is forming—and as you partner with us through your prayers and giving, YOU are also a vital part of that team! Thank you!

Yes, Lord. We remember how marvelously you have led us and provided for us so far. Clearly, we can trust You to take us on from here! Amen.

Rev. Sean Donnelly, President/CEO

#### **November 2012**

Just before Thanksgiving, our new Cessna 206 aircraft (N9719Z) reported for duty at the Rus Rus mission base in Honduras. After four months of intensive work that included a new engine, modifications to the wings and landing gear, and major upgrades to the avionics and interior—totaling

over 1500 man-hours of DONATED labor by MMS Aviation in Coshocton, Ohio—"19Z" was ready to begin saving lives! The old airplane (N307AC) was returned to the US to undergo mandatory overhauls. It is scheduled for missionary service in Guatemala next year.



# **2012 Ministry Highlights**

#### October 2012

The team pictured here was made up of men from New Hampshire, North Carolina, and Ohio who came down to the jungle to help with some critical infrastructure projects.

structure shown here is a new dedicated shed for the generators that power the aircraft hangar, missionary and guest houses, and the well pumps. Other teams came down throughout 2012 and made major improvements to the hospital facility and electrical system. Upcoming projects include an aviation fuel storage shed and replacing roofs on some existing buildings.

## **Construction Teams**



### Clean Water

#### August 2012

Many people in this remote region, particularly young children, die each year due to dysentery and other waterborne parasitic illnesses. Our ability to address this problem was greatly enhanced by a generous donation from Aquamira, a Logan, Utah based company specializing in water purification. Two DIVVY mobile water treatment systems now allow MAG to meet the need for clean water not only in the hospital, but in the entire village - and beyond. One system was installed on the hospital grounds to serve Rus Rus and the other is available for emergency deployment anywhere in the region by MAG aircraft as a disaster response asset.

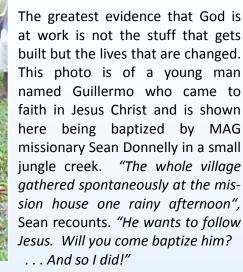




# Rus Rus Mission Base, Gracias A Dios, Honduras

# **Transformed Lives**

#### July 2012



This scene has been replayed regularly in Rus Rus over the past year. The church is growing and lay leaders are now being discipled—the direct result of people feeling genuine compassion and love!

# Medical and Dental Brigades



#### February 2012

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To augment our full-time nursing staff, the Rus Rus Hospital relies on periodic short-term medical teams and volunteer doctors. We had several such teams in 2012 with the largest arriving in February through our partnership with International Health Service (IHS). This year, as part of their annual commitment, IHS brought an 11 member team (pictured to the left) that was joined by MAG staff and local hospital workers. Many patients arrived as entire families, some having walked for up to 2 days each way, to receive care, all of which was given at no charge. The entire village of Rus Rus got involved, many opening their homes to give

travelers from other villages places to sleep and cook.

Over the course of 8 clinic days, the brigade saw a total of 1269 patients, filled 3677 prescriptions, pulled 654 teeth, and gave out 113 pairs of eyeglasses. Several emergency cases had to be airlifted out by MAG aircraft to receive more advanced care.



WHAT	DELIVERING medical care and relief services
WHERE	Among REMOTE people groups
HOW	Through the use of AIRCRAFT
WHY	In order to show genuine COMPASSION So that the GOSPEL of Jesus Christ is credibly presented.

"When [Jesus] saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless..." Matthew 9:36

# Delivering Compassion.

