

Greetings dear friends,

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I want to tell you a story that comes from Amazonas: where we spent ten years of our lives with MAF: where I could fly for hours on end there and see just—jungle. Villages were scattered here and there but some didn't get much attention. Well, over twenty years ago (before the government restricted access) missionaries went to one of these remote people groups that had



been clamoring for years for missionaries to come. We were there for the initial flights in and out of the village as the mission base became established. Over the years I gathered many personal memories of flying to this village: but there isn't room for those stories now. This story is from our missionary friends who worked in the village and wrote a book chronicling their years there among the Wilo people. So from *"Our Witchdoctors Are Too Weak"*: with kind permission from the publisher Monarch Books and the authors Davey and Marie Jank. A man named *Bitimi* tells us:

*"A while ago I heard God's Talk and came to understand.
I came to understand that I was living separated from my Lord God because I have sin.
I came to understand this because God's Talk says it clearly.
He was not unwilling. He wanted to.
He Himself paid the debt for all of my sin.
He erased it away.
I arrived on God's trail that day because Jesus paid the debt of my sin.
I was born again on that day.
Now I am not a slave of Satan. I am a child of God. I am a brother of Jesus.
On that day I became a child of God.
Now I live in peace.
Knowing that when I die, I will go to live with God,
I live in peace, without fear."*



Fast forward to just this last summer. The New Testament has now been printed in the Wilo language: a work representing 23 years and over 500,000 man/woman hours! Now future generations of Wilo people will have "God's Talk" to guide them. To some, this book might be just paper, glue and unintelligible writing: but God's Light, Life and Love are what it means to the Wilo. I share this story because it is yours too. You were there right from the first sowing of the seeds of Truth. Thank you for your partnership with us in ministry with MAF.



Here in Nampa my life continues to be full as an instructor in our training department. Whether evaluating potential candidates, providing initial standardization training or helping experienced field mechanics stay sharp: the work is challenging, enjoyable and important. For example: one challenge that MAF faces is the reality of the cost of shipping fully assembled propellers to and from across the seas. Our propellers wear out and require overhaul, so the need to ship these really big things is real. In the picture to the left I am helping one of our experienced pilot/mechanics learn how to disassemble and then reassemble a propeller. Having these new skills will allow his program to ship their propellers in a much more cost effective manner.

On the home front we have had a bit of excitement recently. A week and a half ago there was just a bit of unforecasted snow—Just enough to create some “black/sheet ice” on our driveway. Debbie mistook the ice for just being wet and slipped, breaking her left wrist! As the ER doc said...“I don’t need an x-ray to tell that it is broken.” During her follow up check a few days later, the orthopedic surgeon wasn’t satisfied with how things looked, so a few days ago Debbie had surgery to put a plate in. She is already more comfortable and we pray for continued good healing for her.

You might remember from our last letter that we were looking forward to our Thanksgiving Day potluck and outreach with our Spanish church “El Crucero”. Well, that went quite well and many special invited guests came. We also enjoyed a nice Christmas time celebration with our church. Recently I was able to pray with two boys (Ignacio and Pablo) who wanted to invite Jesus into their hearts. Our Lord never ceases to amaze us with how He works. Please pray with us that the seeds planted in the hearts of these boys would bear eternal fruit, and that visitors would see Jesus.



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