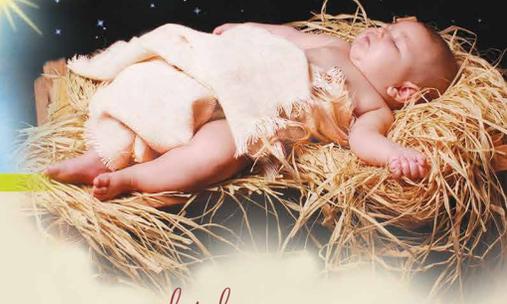


GROUND CREW



And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. Luke 2:10



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A Tribute To Our Creator

Jason Maust Completes Maintenance Phase of Pilot/Mechanic Training



Jason completed mechanic exams earning his FAA A&P Mechanic Certificate in October (picture above). He and his wife, Anita, and their children moved to the Burlington, North Carolina, area in mid-November, where Jason will begin flight training at Missionary Air Group's facility. The Mausts continue as MMS missionaries through this flight training phase.



Mark Heikoop Begins Aircraft Maintenance Internship

Mark, from Ontario, Canada, completed A&P training this year at the School of Missionary Aviation Technology in Michigan. Already a certificated mechanic, Mark will build experience as he serves the mission aviation community with us. Janelle, a missionary kid, grew up in Zambia and later served there as a missionary. Their daughter Areiana joined the family this year.



The Pottners Transition to Service with Arctic Barnabas Ministries

Dan and Juli Pottner have accepted positions with

Arctic Barnabas Ministries (ABM) in Kenai, Alaska. Initially, Dan will have an administrative role similar to the one he capably filled at MMS. The MMS family is grateful for the Pottners' years of service and for their friendship. We pray God's blessing on Dan and Juli as they relocate and continue to help build God's Kingdom at ABM.



Wilfred, along with Keith Wockman, installs an elevator on a Cessna 172 while Bob Schwartz observes.

Wilfred Ojwang Receives Mechanic Certificate at MMS

Samaritan's Purse Mission Aviation Services selected four Kenyan aircraft mechanics to pursue FAA mechanic certification. Isaac and Simon, who were at MMS earlier this year, took their exams in July and got A&P certificates. Then it was Wilfred's turn, and his assignment was to gain further maintenance experience in the MMS hangars, prepare for the FAA exams, and take them. MMS Director of Training Bob Schwartz directed Wilfred's hangar duties so the time at MMS would be beneficial for the testing process, as well as the years of service to come. Bob and Wilfred spent many hours studying systems and components Wilfred had not previously encountered in his aircraft maintenance experience. It worked. Wilfred did very well on the exams and obtained his A&P Mechanic Certificate.

MAINTENANCE UPDATE

A bit of what's happened recently

Cessna 182 for Ministry in the Philippines

Recent work has been done inside the 182 with instrument panel and avionics upgrades. New interior trim panels and headliner had to be fitted and installed. With that work done, operational checks were performed, and **Chuck Egbert**, the project's supervisor, completed maintenance records for the restoration. A final inspection by MMS' Chief Inspector **Dale Coates** assured the plane's readiness for return to service.

Cessna 206 Fuselage Repair

Most aircraft repaired at MMS can fly away when we finish working on it. This wasn't one of them. MMS was asked to repair the fuselage of this damaged Cessna 206. The mission that operates it will take it from here, and their mechanics will make the plane fly. **Josh Adelsberger**, an MMS aircraft maintenance supervisor, led the crew that took this "bent" fuselage and made it straight and strong again.

BD4 Engine Overhaul and Airframe Maintenance

This amateur-built airplane was recently acquired for use in Christian ministry. Its first stop was MMS Aviation for a thorough inspection and some avionics work. We discovered that the engine needed an overhaul, which was done by **Jason Maust** under **Josh Adelsberger's** supervision. MMS' newest aircraft maintenance supervisor, **Jenny Haver**, led the crew that installed the engine and performed airframe maintenance.

Piper J-3 Cub Airframe Repair

Airframe repair and fabric covering were done on the Cub. **Josh Adelsberger** completed engine work before final assembly of the airplane. **Stephen Swartzentruber** and **Ryan Hokuf** did the heavy lifting on this project. **Keith Woockman** and **Wilfred Ojwang** also worked on the Cub.

Mission Aircraft Annual Inspections

Several aircraft received annual inspections recently. **Terry McClary** inspected and repaired a Cessna 206 for a mission in Brazil. **Tim Obarow** led a crew that inspected a ministry's King Air. **Dwight Jarboe**, with help of **David Blanton**, **David DeJong**, and **Ryan Hokuf**, performed an annual inspection of an Aerostar 601P that flies in support of ministry in Haiti.

Missionary Pilot Training Cessna 172 Repair

Following a training accident (no injuries), repairs were done by various agencies. Final repairs, painting, and reassembly are being done at MMS.



Chuck installs 182 cowling fasteners.



The 206 fuselage begins its trip to Arizona.



Wilfred and Jenny install the BD4's propeller.



Stephen installs the J3's engine mount.



Aerostar landing gear retraction check



Mike Garrett paints a 172 wing.



Ryan and Stephen attend Mike Dunkley's PT6 training.

"Oh, there's no place like home for the holidays"

It was a little early to be hearing the Perry Como Singers' classic on the radio. Thanksgiving was still several days away. But as my wife, Elizabeth, and I meandered through rural Illinois on our way home from a missions conference, we didn't mind. The sounds and scenery took me back to my childhood, traveling the Illinois backroads on the way to my grandparents' house for Christmas, six of us piled into a lime-green station wagon loaded with luggage and gifts. Perhaps we even heard that same song on the radio then. Going home for the holidays is an American tradition.

It has been said that "home is where you hang your hat." Or "home is where the heart is." There are many ways to describe the familiar place that is intended to be our refuge from the world. Missionaries who live in cultures where they are surrounded by unfamiliar languages, customs, and experiences often dream of both the home they've left behind and the eternal home they are longing for. Would you remember them in your prayers this season? The holidays can be a lonely time when you are oceans apart from the familiarity of home.

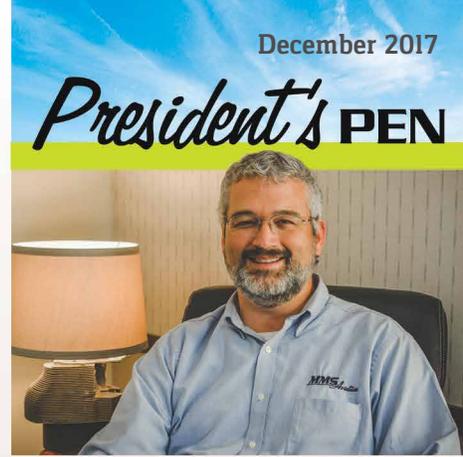
The reason they are there, and the reason we are here in Ohio fixing airplanes and training mechanics, is because of what happened in a moment, as a baby was born in Bethlehem. The whole of history had led to that singular moment, and the hope of all people was revealed as God became a baby and made his dwelling among us (John 1:14). He chose to make His home where we are, so that he could redeem the world and bring hope to a weary world.

Wherever you celebrate Christ's birth this year, may it be a time of joy and peace. I pray that you are able to experience the presence of God who has chosen to make His home with you.

Merry Christmas,

Phil

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