

Flight

“... Steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord...”



Plan

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Dear Friends and Partners,

A Major Inspection

Our planes get inspected every 50 hours of flight time on a progressive schedule to maintain our safety here. It's not always fun to take off the pilot shirt and dig into the depths of some assembly I'm worried I won't get back together all the way. (Remember, "If it ain't broke...") Several of these are "majors," necessitating longer periods of hangartime. I've just finished one of those that stretched from 25 Jan – 22 Feb. I've used the mechanic skills and knowledge I learned at LeTourneau to remove all wing controls, inspect and reinstall; there was a cracked gear bracket (*important part of every flight is safe, controlled contact with the ground at the end*); bad fuel level transmitter, some minor skin repairs, and a bad fuel pump and fuel control unit on the engine. Discrepancies discovered by yours truly covered 7 pages – and it all got put back together (can't take all the credit, I had some help). It got me to thinking about the tools I use to maintain the plane, and I wanted to thank those of you who have helped purchase or donate the tools I use to do maintenance here: some I bought at LeTourneau, some my brother gave me, some were my dad's (*back in Papua again!*), and some were donated by friends and family (those I treasure because of the stories behind them). I am sure I couldn't do safe, thorough maintenance without your tools in my toolbox, and I certainly couldn't be over here doing any of this without the faithful and complete



Of course you wanted to see the tool box!



"dressing a prop" in Pogapa with a "cloud of witnesses"

support you send every month. Thanks for equipping me so thoroughly; I really do thank God on as I remember you. Of course the metaphor holds as I thank you too for your gifts that have provided a plane for me to fly, a helmet for me to wear, and for letting me live and use these and more gifts to serve the people in Papua. Anyway, the inspection was finally finished and test flights done; with ink barely even dry in the logbooks, I was off with a load of supplies for a church building in Ilaga, and then delivering evangelists and some pastors to a church conference in Pogapa. Don't worry if you don't know where these are, I can show you when I visit later this year. Which leads me to...

Furlough [*already?*]



Celebrating people gathering for Pogapa church conference.

I am scheduled to return to the US on 21 June for a 6-month furlough. We're encouraged to use furlough time to reconnect, refresh, re-equip. Loosely translated to mean: share and visiting with supporters and churches, rest/vacation with family, and study/take courses/ratings as we have time/ability to prepare for return to serve on the field. We're encouraged to plan to spend about 2 months in each of the 3 areas (not necessarily in one-lump effort) and to try focus our time so it's quality and refreshing. I'm looking forward to a chance to visit and share with as many of you as possible – you probably can't imagine how I've missed your faces and fellowship. I hope it will be a blessing for you to hear what your partnership with me here in Papua is accomplishing for the Kingdom. So, that being said, help me start to write my schedule for this fall by letting me know how/when would be a good time to visit. Please email, call, or write as soon as possible to let me

know if you are looking forward to it like I am! Of course I am also looking forward to plenty of “uncle” time in Tucson, AZ, with my brother and his family (whose kids are all looking HUGE already)...so that will necessitate some travel to/from you all. In fact, I've already identified a few needs for you to pray with me about.

Finishing well

A friend of mine encouraged me to “finish well” in my last Navy squadron assignment, and I think the same applies here in Papua as I prepare for furlough in three and a half months. Please pray for safety and continued good decisions – the weather and the jungle/risks aren't going to let up just because the calendar says it's almost 21 June. Pray for rest and wisdom to keep my priorities right and most of all to keep serving the people of Papua like HE's called me to do. As a program, MAF has been blessed with one of the longest accident-free periods in our history here. We're meeting as a team of pilots and mechanics this Friday for our Quarterly Safety Meeting to train and plan how we can be good stewards and keep doing this safely and effectively for the Kingdom. Thanks again for your faithful prayers and letting me be here to be a part of this ministry. HE is being proclaimed, and lives are being touched for the Kingdom – and that's what is all about!!

Maranatha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevie'.

Furlough Needs:

1. I'd like to purchase or borrow a reliable, used car to use on furlough.
2. Replacement tools – replacing tools broken or lost on this term.
3. Finish my Certified Flight Instructor rating.
4. Dental appointments.
5. Some travel required.

Thanks so much for praying with me HE will supply all my needs according to HIS plan and resources.

COMM CHANNELS: As always, my email address (Klynn@maf.org - don't forget the “e”) is the easiest way to contact me; my PrayMails and some journal entries are available in “blog” format now at: <http://www.lynnemaf.blogspot.com/>; lastly if you would like a visit while I'm on furlough, please let me know - I am writing/planning my schedule already and they [who've done first furloughs before] tell me it'll go by extremely fast! See you soon!