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LEHMANS' LOG

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IT'S THE LITTLE THINGS. . .

For the past 17 years, I [Carol] have provided M&Ms at my desk. It is not only a fun thing to do, but it is also intended to be a source of encouragement because sometimes you just need a little chocolate. About 10 years ago, the Mobilizers gave me the cute dispenser pictured on the right. It is great when anyone stops by for a treat, but I especially enjoy our missionary kids (MKs). I love the smiles when they turn the propeller to dispense M&Ms onto the wing of the plane.

Recently one of our Mobilizers snapped the photo on the right and posted it on the MAF Mobilization Facebook page. I was very touched when a staff wife wrote the following comment: "Our kids always head directly for the M&M airplane desk! It's amazing how meaningful small things like this are for the MKs looking for a sense of belonging. To us, this demonstrates care and love. Thank you!"

I view my supply of M&Ms as small and inconsequential, especially since they have been a staple at my desk for so long. However, another staff member's encouraging comment made me realize once again how important the little things truly are.



ABORTED TAKEOFF

The pilot added full power for takeoff. As the airplane was rolling, he saw a person approaching the right side of the airstrip. Because the pilot didn't know if the person would walk onto the airstrip, he aborted the takeoff and got the plane stopped. In this case, it wasn't even close, but the pilot responded as he had been trained when he saw the person.

It would be foolish to say, "Sure hope that doesn't happen again," and then not give it another thought. Events like this are "freebies" — no injury, no damage. However, it could happen again, maybe the next time with severe consequences. So, we mitigate or reduce the risk of another incursion by implementing a corrective action. What that corrective action is depends on the airstrip. It might be repairing a break in the fence, installing a fence, or hiring guards. There is no one method that will fix this problem in every case, and we can't eliminate all risk. But our definition of safety is to manage risk to an acceptable level. Training is required to accomplish this.

In February, a group of MAF leaders from around the world attended our annual Safety Quality Seminar. In the photo to the right, Steve provides training that they can use in real-world situations to "manage risk to an acceptable level."



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A CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP

The next several months will see quite a change in leadership here at MAF-US. After more than 10 years, John Boyd will be stepping down as the CEO of Mission Aviation Fellowship. We are pleased to let you know that our new president is David Holsten. He, with his wife Natalie and their children, have spent their 18 years of service in Indonesia. David has a tender heart for the Lord, and we look forward to seeing where God will take MAF under his leadership.



THANK YOU

We are grateful to God who has moved many of you to partner with us these past 32 years. Our ministry is still thriving, and we love having many of you as a part of our ministry team. This July, due to increased costs of living for our staff (overseas and US staff) and the rising cost of health insurance, our minimum level of support has been raised. If others of you would like to join our team, please see the box on the left for ways to do so. We want you to share in our joy of what God is doing through the ministry of MAF around the world.

PRAISE:

- For the new application tracking software — Site Stacker — that the Mobilization Department is now using. It was in the development stage for over a year before going live in January 2018. It is proving to be a useful tool in the way we do our work.
- For you — our ministry partnership team — who have so faithfully prayed for, supported, and encouraged us throughout the past three decades!
- Safety in flight and maintenance.

PRAYER:

- At the end of April, Steve travels to Cape Town, South Africa. Pray for clarity in training MAF leaders from various countries in Africa.
- April 19 our granddaughter, Abigail, will have the Cochlear implant in her left ear reattached. Pray she won't get sick from the anesthesia and the implant will be successful this time.

Together in Him,

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