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LEHMANS' LOG

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CHANGE IS IN THE AIR!

Change is one thing in life we can be sure of. After 21 years of serving as the Administrative Assistant in the Mobilization department, I (Carol) will step down on August 2nd. This decision comes after much prayer and confirmation from the Lord, as well as the support of Steve. I have loved my work as an admin and it has fit my skills and abilities so well. I also love the people that I work with and I praise the Lord for how each one has impacted and blessed my life. Yet, as I reach my retirement age, I know the Lord is moving me on to serve in new and different ways. Please pray for me during this time. Stay tuned for updates on new adventures in the months ahead!

One thing I want to do is serve as an MAF volunteer with an ongoing project for Mobilization. It is something I already know how to do and, as a volunteer, I can consistently give it the time it needs.

You need to know that Steve will continue to serve another year as MAF's Safety Manager, so we still need you to be a part of our ministry partnership team!



During their semi-annual Mobilization meetings, coworkers honored Carol for her many faithful years as their admin...and friend.

WHY DID THE CHICKEN CROSS THE AIRSTRIP?

Just before landing, the pilot saw two chickens walking onto the airstrip. Sounds like the beginning of a joke, doesn't it? He was committed to land because he was past his abort point; he would be unable to outclimb the surrounding terrain if he tried to go around for another landing. He hoped the chickens would move off the airstrip...they didn't. He saw one chicken run to the left of the airplane, followed by a 'puff' sound and a LOT of feathers. There was no damage to the airplane. So, why report the event?

The report is helpful for several reasons. Reporting this event triggers an inspection of the propeller's inner mechanism within 500 hundred hours. The pilot also noted a lesson learned. Even though this happened on landing when engine power was low, he wrote, "DO NOT start take off roll with chickens on the airstrip within the projected ground roll area. With the amount of power applied during takeoff the impact on the prop blade could be much worse. I have always had respect for the potential damage a prop blade can have after hitting a chicken, since I witnessed during my first year on the field a prop blade on one of our airplanes that had significant damage as a result." Finally, we encourage sharing experiences because they give opportunities for all pilots to learn lessons they can apply in their flying without having to personally experience them.

So, why did the chicken try to cross the airstrip? We'll never know. But, we're grateful a pig didn't try to get to the other side.



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PRAY FOR:

- Carol as she transitions out of her role as an admin.
- The new person taking her place.
- Our staff overseas — to do their jobs safely as they share the love of Jesus Christ through aviation and technology in remote places. May lives truly be transformed through His power and love.
- MAF leadership. We have a new President /CEO and nearly all of our VPs are new to their positions.



We invite you to celebrate with us the completion of the New Testament in the Moskona language! A work that began over a decade ago has come to fruition with the delivery of the first ever printed New Testaments in the Moskona language. MAF had the honor of flying three Kodiak loads of Papuan pastors and church leaders into the remote mountain village of Mouyeba for the dedication of the Moskona New Testament.



There was a deep joy in the hearts of these people as they received the Word of God in their own language. The activities in Mouyeba lasted several days and there was more than one evening when celebrations continued through the night as hearts overflowed with joy at receiving the Word of God. The people were saturated with the sense of God's presence and blessing as the Moskona church embraced the **treasure of Scripture** in their own language

for the very first time. If you could have been there, you would have witnessed the depth of feeling expressed on their faces. These people were overjoyed at the prospect of knowing God more intimately through the influence of the Scriptures.

When physical and cultural barriers seem insurmountable and discouragement swells, moments like these remind us that our God is greater than any obstacle. It is our privilege to serve the Lord as He plants his kingdom in Papua. Your prayers and support have helped to make the joy of the Moskona people possible.



Thank you, faithful friends, for the countless ways you support the ministry of MAF through us. You are a part of MAF's story and legacy, and we praise the Lord for each of you!

Together in Him,

Steve & Carol

