Tragedies & Trust – Again!

In the February edition, I entitled my comment Tragedies & Trust, and wrote “… despite what we might like to think, we are not entirely in control… It is a great comfort… to… affirm with the Psalmist: ‘as for me, I trust in You O Lord. I say – you are my God. My times are in your hand’…”

Little did I know how starkly that would be demonstrated a short time later. On April 5, we lost one of our much-loved Engineering students – Luke Teale-Sinclair. Luke was tragically killed while riding his motorcycle to Coldstream that Tuesday morning. Aged 25, with a tremendous heart for God, people and mission, Luke was eagerly looking forward to serving the Lord as a mission aircraft engineer in the land that he loved – Papua New Guinea.

That event left me with some unanswered questions. And they remain unanswered. During the hours and days that followed, God directed my attention to Daniel Chapter 2. King Nebuchadnezzar had experienced a soul-shaking dream and wanted to know its meaning. None of his legendary wise men could help. Eventually Daniel was brought before the king, and said to him by way of introduction: “No man can explain this to the king… BUT there is a God in heaven.” (Dan 2:27-28)

The truth of that was visibly evident in the circumstances surrounding Luke’s death. Within a minute or so of the accident occurring on a relatively quiet country road, Justin Clerke – ACMA’s Manager of Engineer Training – arrived on the scene, and was able to be with Luke as he journeyed to glory. It was only the second time in 3 years that Justin had travelled on that road!

God placed Justin on that road, on that day, at that time.

THERE IS A GOD IN HEAVEN! We can trust Him – our times are in His hand.

Bruce Searle
CEO ACMA

Our new flight training aircraft! It is a Flight Design CTMC manufactured in Germany.

Tax deductible donations to ACMA can now be made. See insert letter.
Where are they now?

Arjen Bakker
The Bakker family have returned to the Netherlands to raise support so that they can begin serving with MAF.

Peter Carlson
The Carlson family have been accepted as long term members by Wycliffe. Peter is completing his CASA Basics examinations and developing his competencies in the workshop at ACMA. They are raising support for a 2 year traineeship with SIL Aviation in Ukarumpa to commence in 2012. Rachel gave birth to their son Joel on the 8th May 2011.

David Curtis
David is now the Flying Bible Man for the Bible Society working out of Darwin. (See Feb 2011 Prayer & Praise.)

Rene Don
Rene and Janneke have been accepted with MAF Australia and are in the Netherlands to await their visa application. They hope to come back to Australia in July to minister with MAF in Arnhem Land. At the moment they are working on raising 100% support but are thankful to God that they are almost there!

Patrick Garton
Patrick and Tracy moved back to SA at the beginning of 2011 and have settled in Salisbury where Patrick is now pastor at the Baptist Church. Feeling the need for stability, especially for the children, they have decided not to pursue ministry on the field with MAF. Patrick is looking to undertake a Flight Instructor’s course at Parafied this year and is also exploring chaplaincy with the RAAF specialist reserve.

Jason Job
Jason and Kim have been accepted to serve with MAF in Arnhem Land. At the moment they are still at home and beginning to pack and sort their life into barrels to head to northern Australia in early July. Their support levels are rising each day and they are humbled and thankful for all the ways God is providing for them.

Arjan Paas
Arjan and Aartje have been accepted by MAF Asia/Pacific to work in Arnhem Land. Their visa application is ongoing, but they hope to be back in Australia by July to start with the orientation in Cairns. At the moment they are on home leave in The Netherlands where they are catching up with family and friends and raising more support. Their financial support is, at the moment, sufficient to be working with MAF. However, they are still hoping to get more people involved in mission by doing presentations.

David Powell
David has applied to MAF but this process still depends on his completion of Instrument Flight training and the Advanced Flying module, MAF Technical Evaluation & GPSS assessment. In Sept/Oct he is hoping to go to PNG as a volunteer for 5-10 weeks doing airstrip surveys with MAF. He is still fully self-funded from savings but without employment or income this won’t last another full year, so he would be happy to receive ANY support - prayer and/or financial!

Ian Purdey
At the end of 2010 the Purdeys were approached by MAF to fill a short term pilot role in Arnhem Land and are now serving in the remote Aboriginal community of Milingimbi. They are settling in well and Ian is enjoying the challenges of his work while Adele takes care of Jimmy and helps with the local school literacy program. They appreciate the difference that MAF makes out there and are very thankful to God for the provision of this work and the way He has prepared them for it.

Tim Vallance-Webb
On returning to the UK, Tim has had exciting opportunities to speak about the work of MAF in Arnhem Land in new places, and to new people. Good news on the visa front is Tim and Georgie have received approval from the regional body in Darwin - this is the first step in their application. They need to be back in Australia for placement-specific orientation training with MAF in July.

Please pray for these graduates as they continue their journeys from this point on – that God will bless their work and the people they come into contact with.
LUKE – we were privileged to have you as part of the ACMA family...

As reported elsewhere, Luke Teale-Sinclair died tragically while riding his motorcycle to the ACMA facility on the morning of April 5, 2011.

Luke was a blessing – a man with a huge heart and a big smile. He reinforced the truth of God's Word which teaches us that while men look at the outward appearance, God looks at the heart. The influence of Luke’s life was captured in a statement made by Francis, a fellow engineering student from Papua New Guinea. Francis’ comment was simple, but profound:

“I didn’t have much culture shock when I came to Australia, because Luke was around”.

Thanks, Luke, for being such a blessing!

INTERVIEWS with Staff...

Luke Mosley
TEC College Project Manager & ACMA Engineer Instructor

Q. Where did you grow up?
A. I grew up in the Yarra Valley and am the youngest of three boys.

Q. What adventures have you had?
A. As a family we went to Papua New Guinea in 2008 to complete an internship after I had graduated from ACMA with a Diploma in Aeroskills. We were attached to Wycliffe Bible Translators Australia. We found that being able to support Bible Translation through Mission Aviation and building relationships with the local people was both fulfilling and exciting.

Q. What are your other primary interests?
A. My wife and my family.

Q. Where have you travelled?
A. In 1995 we took our eldest son Chris to Holland to meet his great grandparents as he was their first great grandchild.

Q. What is your favorite food?
A. Everything, but especially home cooked food.

Q. What’s up ahead for you?
A. I am managing the construction of the TEC College hangar as well as the TEC College Aeroskills training program. I am also studying to complete a Cert. IV in Training and Assessment.

Q. What has been a highlight for you in 2011?
A. I gained my LAME (Licensed Aircraft Maintenance Engineer) qualifications.

Q. What good advice do you live by?
A. Enjoy each day and trust in the Lord.

with Student...

Nathan Lang
ACMA Engineering Student

Q. Where did you grow up?
A. I grew up mainly in Nelson which is located on the VIC/SA border. I now live in Glenrowan in NE Victoria.

Q. How many in your family?
A. I have three brothers and one sister. My mother has home-schooled all of us.

Q. What are your interests?
A. I am interested in planes (of course) and electronics. I play tennis, table tennis, and the piano and have also dabbled in some movie making.

Q. What is your favorite food?
A. I love Chicken Parmagiana and Sticky Date Pudding. I developed the ‘Langy Parma’ which is schnitzel with a topping of Napoletano sauce, ham and cheese.

Q. What is in the future for you?
A. As I come toward the end of my Cert. IV in Aeroskills I will apply for an internship with MAF. This could initially mean working at Mareeba or Gove, and then I hope to continue to serve with MAF at an operational base.

Q. What is some good advice that you live by?
A. The best advice I could give is found in Proverbs 3:5-6.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways submit to Him and He will direct your paths.”
Welcome!

John & Laura King have worked in Government and Public Relations with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Papua New Guinea and New Zealand, as well as Canada and the USA. John has ministered in about 60 countries around the world, concentrating on skills development training. John’s avid sense of humour and Laura’s administrative skills have suited them well as they work with business people, nationals and expatriate personnel to make them more effective in leadership, communication and relationship skills. They have blessed ACMA by volunteering their time for a few months, and have played a significant part in communicating the ACMA mission opportunity to Christian schools and churches.

Praise Points

- Praise the Lord for the arrival of our new flight training aircraft! Pray with us for funds ($150,000) for a second aircraft of this type.
- Completion of the new TEC College hangar and for the provision of Federal funding for that program.
- Our volunteer staff. Praise God for the group of volunteers who made the TEC College hangar construction possible.
- The return of Ken Baerg (Engineering Instructor) from furlough in Canada and for his second term of secondment from MAF Canada.
- Reissuing of third visa for Neal and Lois Semanision. They will assist us in a voluntary capacity.
- All of our supporters and prayer partners who make the ministry of ACMA possible.

Prayer Points

- The processing of Permanent Residency visas for Hans and Elke Kummer from Helimission Switzerland. They have been seconded to ACMA and are expected to arrive in September 2011.
- Continued provision of finances to support the ministry of Mission Aviation training.

If you would like an ACMA Team to minister at your church, please contact Delyse on 9739 0612. We’d be delighted to be involved.

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