Ministry...

The longer I live, the more clearly I see that we humans are masters at making simple things complex.

Ministry is one of them.

What is ministry? It is allowing ourselves to be reflectors of God. It is putting into practice the truth of Galatians 2:20... that “Christ lives in me”.

Geoff was a recent visitor to ACMA. His aircraft needed an engine change. Over the time that Geoff worked alongside our Engineers, he was impacted by Christ in them. On his last day with us, just before he flew his aircraft home, Geoff joined our morning devotional session (not a normal occurrence for Geoff), and affirmed his intention to get his spiritual life on track.

He had experienced something of the presence of Jesus.

On a hangar floor. By being with ordinary, aircraft engineers.

That’s ministry!

Change...

It’s a weird anomaly isn’t it?... Change is one of the constants of life!

True for individuals... and true for organisations – including ACMA.

Over the last few months, the ACMA Board, which includes representatives from the major mission organisations, has developed a strategy for the future training of mission pilots and engineers.

Engineering training for the foreseeable future will occur via the apprenticeship model. ACMA’s role in training will be expanded and it will also take on a greater role in recruitment, particularly in Christian schools.

Full details will be announced in the next Praise and Prayer update.

In all this, 3 things haven’t changed:
1. God’s purpose in establishing ACMA
2. The critical need for mission pilots and engineers
3. The fact that WE CANNOT DO IT WITHOUT YOU.

Thank you so much for your support!

Bruce Searle
CEO ACMA
A ‘fleece’, an answered prayer and a call to mission aviation!

Jason and Allison Robinson are originally from Northern Ireland, and moved to Australia in 2003. Here’s their story...

During a trip to the ‘top end’ in June 2012, God started to reveal His plan for our lives.

Jason’s mum brought over the book Eyes Turned Skyward by Max Meyers. God really started to challenge Jason’s heart while he was reading the book, and saying “You could do that”. Jason shrugged it off at the start saying – “No. I couldn’t do that. I’m not intelligent enough – I’m only a plumber”.

During our stop in Mareeba we went to the Baptist Church there. The guy that Jason sat beside was an MAF instructor who told him all about MAF.

Then during our time in Darwin, a friend from Northern Ireland felt God telling him to send us some verses – Isaiah 42:8-9 and Isaiah 58:6-12. At the time these verses didn’t make much sense, but we could feel that there was a change coming.

We stopped at a camp area called 41mile Bore just west of Tennant Creek NT. While sitting camped out under the stars, Jason was praying, and asking God what He wanted us to do. Jason felt the desire to ask God for something he had never asked for before. That was for God to give us a clear sign now – right here in our camp.

This time he prayed – “God, I will start looking from the trees on my left across the sky and before my eyes meet the trees on my right I need to see another plane”. Just as his eyes almost made it to the right, a plane appeared among the stars and he watched it fly across the sky for a few minutes. He turned to his wife to explain what he was praying and what he had seen but when we looked up the plane had gone from the sky.

Jason continues – “I stood up and was staring at the sky and thanking God for what he had shown me, and that I would not ask for anything more but would find out how to train in Aviation.

I noticed my wife was quietly sitting with her head down. I was unsure what she was thinking in relation to what I had just shared with her. Then I saw a big shooting star burn across the sky.

I said to my wife, “Look at that! I haven’t seen a shooting star since I was very young.”

My wife then told me she had just been praying, and said to God, “You confirmed what you want us to do in my husband’s heart. Now please confirm it in my heart with a shooting star.”

We both agreed we must be obedient and do what God was clearly asking.

Next we searched the internet to see how we could train in mission aviation. The book I had read when God spoke to us was about MAF. I found the MAF website which in turn referred us to ACMA as the mission aviation training centre at Coldstream near Melbourne, Victoria.

I contacted them straight away and they were very supportive and helpful, and we made our application. Five months later we had closed our plumbing business and packed up our home in QLD and moved to Victoria to start our training with ACMA.

At this point we are just half way through our first semester at Melbourne School of Theology and enjoying it so much and learning a great deal. We feel part of the family now at ACMA, and look forward to every day God has in store for us as we train to go into full time service in mission aviation.

Please pray God will give us the wisdom we need to complete the course and serve Him.
Flight Students 2013

Hudson Jasper
from Echuca, Victoria

Brent Morden
wife Belinda, from Heathmont, Victoria

Rhys Morrell
wife Angela, from Horsham, Victoria

Ian Rudduck
from Mt Isa, Queensland

Keiran Sampson
wife Corinne, from The Blue Mountains, NSW

Jason Slocombe
wife Charlotte, son Charlie, from Queensland

Aaron Rigg
wife Katie, Children Harrison, Ashton, Elise from Research, Victoria

Pray for these Flight Students, and their families, that God will continue to bless them and provide for all their needs in this vital stage of their mission aviation development.
Funding Opportunities at ACMA

As you can imagine, aviation training demands continual upgrading of facilities in order to provide effective and efficient training. Additionally, the facilities at ACMA need expansion to cope with growth.

YOU CAN HELP US! The following projects are needing funding. All of these are in addition to ACMA’s annual operating budget...

Praise Points
Praise the Lord with us for:
• Students in training who are passionate about Mission Aviation and the Gospel.
• The Camp enrolments already received and for the growing effectiveness of the ACMA Camp in imparting vision for Mission Aviation.

Prayer Points
Please pray for:
• Clear direction for the ACMA Board as they determine the shape of training for the future.
• The development of effective programs to train Christian High School students for Mission Aviation.

Donations
required for 2013
Please pray with us for the Lord’s continued provision.

Project Funding
You can help us with the above projects.

For more information on:
• How you can be a partner with us in the Mission Aviation Course.
• How you can support Mission Aviation Training through bequests.
• How you can support Mission Aviation Trainees.

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Looking for a Challenge?
Australian Centre for Mission Aviation Camp
1-5 July 2013
Coldstream Airport, 96 Killara Rd, Coldstream
Cost $395 — includes accommodation, meals, familiarisation flight, excursions, and all activities. Camp can be a work experience option.

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required for projects

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