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Into the Hot Zone

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Ebola. The word itself is scary, raising everything from fear to suspicion to hysteria. What was once half a world away is now appearing in our own country. Airports, hospitals and lawmakers are scrambling to meet the threat. The mother of my co-worker here at Moody was one of the first Ebola victims to be evacuated back to the US from Africa and is among the few survivors of the dread disease. In the face of fear, she represents the way we are called to respond. **At our own risk we go into the hot zone to offer rescue and hope.**

This is not MAF's first encounter with Ebola. We've dealt with it in the Congo before, and are still there. Although the outbreak in Central Africa is not as severe as the one in West Africa, it's still serious and being fought



with every resource. The needs in the hot zone are greater than ever before and the pilots fly in with strong purpose and alert determination.

After landing, the airplane is met by a team dressed in protective gear to "sanitize" the airplane tires and even the feet of those getting off. Climbing out of the airplane the pilot and passengers are greeted by the health officer with a thermometer for taking temperatures. **Everyone resists the urge to shake hands.** Supplies and equipment are unloaded and transferred into four-wheel drive vehicles. Normal formalities so far. But then signed health forms attesting to the health of departing passengers are exchanged. The quarantine zone prohibits anyone with symptoms from leaving the area. Everyone gets sprayed again while getting into the airplane. The airplane steps get sprayed too. Inside, each person wipes off excess spray with paper towels, while getting out their hand sanitizer and using it liberally. **Yes, there's a sense of relief when the airplane door is closed.** *



Sin. Far worse than Ebola, it destroys everything in its path. Doctors, lawmakers and the common man alike are helpless to deal with it. But, at His own risk, the Savior entered our hot zone to offer healing and hope. While Ebola rescue workers take strong precautions against contamination, **"He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed,"** 1 Peter 2:24 ESV. Who but He could take the infectious contamination of our sin into himself and not be consumed by it? Instead, He makes clean and holy all who call on his great name!

**(Thanks to David Francis and Garth Pederson, MAF pilots in the Congo, for photos and personal stories.)*

Teaching teachers. Once again this fall I (Gene) was working with a couple of Moody Aviation graduates to help them become Certified Flight Instructors. Neither Aaron nor Marcos have immediate plans to teach. Instead, they took the training to polish themselves as airmen. Anyone who's tried to teach something knows that's when you really learn it! Both these men have also been working in the shop on Moody's airplanes as Aviation Maintenance Technicians (mechanics). All this has been to prepare themselves for mission service. Marcos grew up in Brazil and is hoping to return to



Aaron and family

the Amazon. While Aaron is looking the other geographical direction and would like to serve in Alaska. I have deeply enjoyed getting to know these men and their families over the last few years, and look forward to seeing how God will use them next.



Marcos and family

Family. This year Jen's health has been better than it has in some time. While she still deals with a lot of pain, her energy level and stamina have improved a lot. Rose is taking some college classes in her final year of high school, and is enjoying the challenge. Rachelle is having a great fall and growing out of last year's struggles. She's enjoying new friendships at school and church and played volleyball this fall. Nate had a fantastic start to the fall with a strong marching band season. Unfortunately, the extra strain seems to have brought a relapse of his Epstein-Barr, and as of the start of December, he's missed a month of school. Andrew is drumming like a mad man. He's in three bands at school and is starting to play for youth meetings at the church.

Thanks again for your partnership with us in the gospel. By giving and praying you are preparing men like Aaron and Marcos to take the good news into the hot zones at the ends of the earth.

Rejoicing in our Great Savior this Christmas,

Gene Jen Rose
Rachelle Nate Andrew

"Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Philippians 2:5-11 ESV

Praise God with us!

- Our Great Savior alone is qualified to cleanse the world of sin!
- For my two students this fall who have qualified to become instructors themselves and are preparing to move on in mission service
- For healing and growth for our daughter, Rachelle

Pray with us

- For the people of Africa battling Ebola
- For our son, Nate, who has fallen chronically ill again.
- For our ministry support level which is still around 80%

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