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Summertime Expressions of Thanks

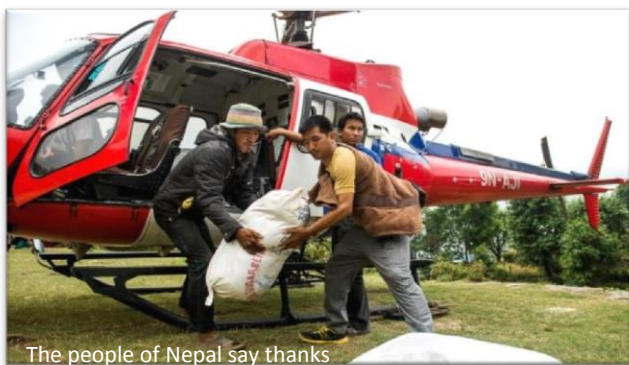
Standing high in the sky, the sun announces summer is upon us. Here at 49° north the longest days of the year mean somewhat more than 16 hours of daylight are available for work and play—but not much sleep. And so it seems that God’s appointed times and seasons keep rolling around, bringing with them the joy of the good work God has given us—as well as times of thanks.

One of the more joyful events of the season is the graduation of the latest class of new mission aviators. Among these, three are maintenance specialists (non-pilots who are the lead mechanics in the shop), two others are sticking around for the summer to take the Flight Instructor course with me (Gene—to earn the credential to be teachers themselves), and two are moving toward mission service as soon as possible. The rest have still have some requirements to finish up for their degree.

Once again, we’re grateful for your participation in our ministry. Your support and prayers are a vital link in making this possible. Recently I had opportunity to work with a visiting pilot named Stefan. He had trained at a variety of places (other than Moody) and is eager to serve in missions, but felt that his piecemeal instruction had left him with a lack of the polish and consistency he needs to be safe and effective. He visited Moody for a couple of weeks while I worked with him toward his goals. As we finished he exclaimed, “Please tell your people thank you for me. I’m amazed that I can come here and take this much of your time and receive such quality training for such a low cost. It’s only possible because of the people who are part of your team. Please thank them!” And so, **thank you**. I think he said it well for all our students, and ultimately, those *they* will serve at the ends of the earth.



Moody Aviation class of 2015 says thanks



The people of Nepal say thanks

Thanks from Nepal News of the devastation in Nepal still shocks us after two major earthquakes and hundreds of aftershocks have taken over 8,000 lives. Working together with a Nepalese company and two helicopters, MAF has launched a response operation. Twenty-four aid organizations are using the service, and the MAF team is hard at work on these lifesaving flights—bringing help, hope and healing to the many remote villages cut off from food, shelter and medical help.

Working in one of the hardest hit areas, David Couzens of Tearfund says: “We’re using MAF to get there because, to be honest, there would be no other way of getting there.” Jerry Clewett of United Mission to Nepal says: “Without those helicopters, we could not reach those villages... those villages would have nothing as far as we’re aware, so these can be real life-savers. For UMN we’re very grateful for the partnership with MAF.” Also check out this video with Operation Blessing expressing their thanks:

<https://vimeo.com/127570706>.

Continue in prayer for the hurting people of Nepal!

Thanks from Papua And, just to bring it home, here’s one more. Some of you know I (Gene) grew up in Papua, Indonesia. Here’s a thanks prepared by the team there along the theme of the pig roast. It makes my mouth water to think about it: <https://vimeo.com/129110259>!



Stéfan says thanks



Family news Our daughter, Rose, graduated from high school last month. (Kids grow up so fast these days—it seems we just brought her home. 😊) This fall she plans to attend Whitworth University here in Spokane and study pre-med. Eventually, she hopes to become a medical doctor and return to her native Haiti.

Jen was the director for our church’s VBS last month and did a fantastic job with it. There were about 140 kids in attendance for the week learning about “conquering challenges with God’s mighty power.” Everyone had a lot of fun and five gave their lives to Christ! Jen’s already planning for next year.

Team Huddle Because you’re part of the team, we do need to ask your help. Here at the start of summer, our ministry support is still holding around 80% of MAF’s target for us. This is a critical need, and if we do not see an increase in the next twelve months we’ll need to step back from teaching for a time to focus attention on it. We’re praying there are some of you who would commit to \$25, \$50 or even \$100 per month to get our ministry support back on track. Or, maybe you could give a special one-time gift—this is a huge help, too! Thanks for being part of the team.

Rejoicing in Christ,

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