

# LOUDON'S LOG

Dear Friends,

September 2006

*Greetings from Sakeji School in Zambia. Yes, we are here at Sakeji for 3<sup>rd</sup> term, which began last week. Because of the shortage of staff, Karen was again asked if she could help out. She is co-teaching in grades 3-8, primarily English classes. John will be helping out with some weekend duties, such as preaching at the morning service and Sunday school. **Pray for Karen as she teaches English at different levels.***



Joshua (in 1<sup>st</sup> grade) and Julie (in 5<sup>th</sup> grade) continue to enjoy Sakeji School. However, they both have been sick with various infections. They are starting to feel more normal as the antibiotic begins to work. **Please pray for their complete recovery and that they would do well in school.**



This is our second term at Sakeji this year. When we live here, John has to ride his motorbike back and forth from Sakeji to Kalene every day. It takes 30 minutes on a dusty, bumpy road, which will become muddy during the rains. We've already had a few rains. **Pray for safety, in the air and on the road.**

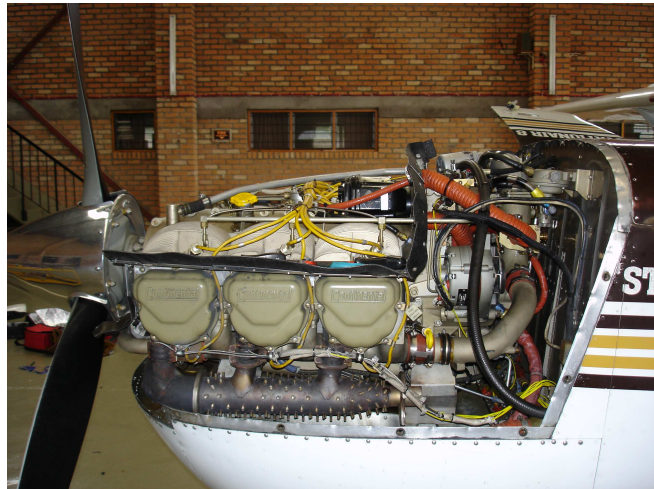


John had to fly to Kenya in June to be with Nathan and Jeannie, during their midterm break, since the school closes during the break. He was hoping to find guardians in Kenya who could look after them during their midterms. This is a requirement for students who come from outside Kenya. **Praise the Lord that we were able to find guardians recently.** We enjoyed having Nathan and Jeannie home (July 8<sup>th</sup> - Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>) between their terms. They have now gone back to RVA (Rift Valley Academy) with Nathan starting 11<sup>th</sup> grade and Jeannie starting 9<sup>th</sup>.

John continues to fly, do office work, and teach his discipleship class. **Pray for the men in his class, for real spiritual growth and witness.**

Last month at the annual conference for CMML assemblies, we celebrated 100 years since the first missionaries came to this area with the gospel. **Praise the Lord for His faithfulness!** We thank God too for providing supplies for renovating Kalene hospital and a team of builders to do the work. **Pray for safety as the project continues.**

The work at the hangar keeps John quite busy. With the present flying schedule, the CMML Flight Service plane will need its mandatory engine change, which will be due in a few months. This will be a major expense. We have already received some generous gifts towards this project, for which we thank the Lord. However, we still have a long ways to go. **Please pray** that we may continue serving His people and the people of Zambia without interruption.



A shortage of Avgas (aviation fuel) all over southern Africa a few months ago, due to a breakdown at the refinery in South Africa, caused us to cancel some flights. Zambia has imported fuel from other sources, but the fuel prices have skyrocketed. Also, during the same time, the Zambian currency (Kwacha) has appreciated, which means we are getting much less for the dollar. This has hurt many businesses in the country as well as missionaries and also the Flight Service.

Just recently the government increased the minimum wage and added many allowances. Many businesses have to lay off employees and increase prices. All of this means our operation cost also has soared. Unfortunately, the missionaries we fly may have to bear this cost, unless we can find another way to subsidize the flights. **Pray that these situations may improve soon. Pray too for presidential elections to be held on Sept 28<sup>th</sup>.**

*“Brethren, pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may spread quickly...” 2 Thess. 3:1*

*In His service,*

*John & Karen*

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## NEWS FLASH

“During our recent engine inspection (Sept 25 & 26) on the plane for CMML Flight Service, we discovered a potential problem with the engine. It was decided for safety reasons, that we should not fly until the problem can be rectified. Since there are less than 80 hours remaining on this engine before the required engine change, we decided to change it earlier than expected. This means that the new engine which we have ordered will need to be air freighted out from the USA as soon as possible. We had planned on sending it by sea through the ACCTS containers in October. We had hoped we could have received a 300 hour extension to the engine life through the Department of Civil Aviation as the engine was in good condition. This would have allowed us to do the engine change early next year. **Please pray** that the engine would arrive soon, and that the additional costs would be kept to a minimum. **Pray** that our ‘down time’ would also be kept to a minimum, that we may continue transporting the Lord’s servants. **Pray** that we will be able to in the next week get permission to bring the engine in duty free as presently it does not qualify as being exempted. We are looking into hiring another plane (such as [Flying Mission’s](#)) to meet some of our flight commitments. This has taken us by surprise but we see the Lord’s hand in it, in that the engine was ordered and able to be made in time for shipment.”

“**Please pray** for peaceful elections in Zambia on Thursday Sept 28/06.”

Yours in His service,

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For CMML Flight Service