



RCA Missionary Update

from George Goff

Most of the Miskito people who live in the coastal lowlands of eastern Honduras have to travel twelve or more hours by canoe to get to the nearest clinic or hospital. George Goff, whose grandfather was one of the first Miskito Christians, works as a missionary pilot to transport people in need of medical care, as well as pastors, missionaries, church workers, and others who travel to the remote villages. He met his wife, Ruth, while he was studying mission aviation in Tennessee and she was working at the Mission Aviation Fellowship office. George and Ruth have two daughters, Rachel and Abby.

Honduras facts:

- Population: 6,800,000
- Size: 111,890 square kilometers (slightly larger than Tennessee)
- Major religions: Catholicism, with Protestantism growing rapidly



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Dear Friends:

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It has been a long time since I have sent you an update about the ministry and the family. Please excuse the lack of communication. The internet source we have in Ahuas does not work; we are researching other possibilities; we trust the Lord to provide a different source.

God has blessed us with good health, good friends and provided for our needs. Rachel, our oldest, is enrolled in a community college working on becoming a pre-school teacher and Abby will be a sophomore in high school when school starts in the fall.

In February we had to change the engine in the new airplane; we already had flown over 350 hours. I have been very busy flying especially now that the local commercial airline has stopped flying into our area. We had some difficulties getting the old engine back to the States for the Core Value due to the



Engine replacement



fact that aeronautics in Honduras wanted us to get an export document so we could send the engine back to the states. It took four and half months to get that paper.

We are praying that AJW (the old plane) will be ready to be flown back down to Honduras soon. We could really use another airplane. We need both airplanes because some-



Transporting an elderly patient

times I take one to show the Jesus film in a remote area and need to stay a couple or three days leaving the other plane available for emergency flights. Because we currently only have one plane, I haven't been able to go to remote areas (where there is no communication with the outside world).

It has been very encouraging to have volunteer work groups' visit and stay with us in Honduras. They have helped us with some needs we had. With the one from Colorado Springs, unfortunately, we didn't do some of the things we wanted to do together because I got sick, but they were able to accomplish the goals anyway; we had a great time praying and talking. God used them to nourish my soul. THANK YOU GUYS! (When did you say you were coming back?).



Volunteers

God is everywhere, especially in the place where we often have a hard time (like in the airport in La Ceiba) with security. God is giving me the chance to minister to them. I was able to give them some Bibles, and now there are more people asking me for more Bibles. The Spirit of God is stirring up the hearts of the people there; I'm free to talk to them about Christ, and give them the Living Word of God. Please pray that God will give me the right words to say, when He wants me to say them.



God has given us the burden to help a little church in one of the small villages in la Mosquitia area. A small church in Winston - Salem decided to help me financially in this endeavor. The plan now is to finish the building by May 2010. The builders have been working hard (the building is of cement block to prevent termite damage). The villagers and the church in Winston Salem are all looking forward to the inauguration and dedication service. It will be great to have them all be part of the celebration as the project is dedicated it to the Lord. The donors will see where their money went. I'm really looking forward to that.

We are also seeking God about the plan to build another house of prayer in another village, where there is none. Please pray for us, I'm not really interested in just build-

ing a building, but to build a place where the Word of Jesus would be taught, where people could come alive through His Holy Spirit (these little buildings are needed for people to come together for fellowship and for prayer, especially if they don't have anywhere else they can go).

Please pray for us:

- Our family as they are learning that God will provide for their needs, for the stamina and willingness to learn, for safety on campus and off.
- Safety as we fly, for the weather that is a factor we must consider, and to make good judgments.
- Praise God for the aircraft that is being worked on in Ohio, it will be finished soon (*thank you, Lord, for providing for all*

the parts needed which was a lot more than we budgeted for).

- Pray for my family, as they are moving to a different house, that they will have peace and safety.
- Pray that the government in Honduras will make good decisions for the good of the people and not only for the people in power. (One good thing about this is that the churches are being united in prayer for the nation - that is great, don't you think?)

I want to thank you for your faithfulness in partnering with us for God's kingdom. I promise I will try to keep you better informed of what God is doing in our part of the world.

In Christ Jesus; your friend,

George Goff

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