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A Spiritual Battlefield



David Wolf, Jasson Farmer
and a missionary with
the drilling rig.

In the last Reporter we shared about the team of New Tribes Mission missionaries who are reaching the Nahuatl people. They are in need of a well, which they started drilling at the end of March. Missionary Rachel Chapman writes: *"Quickly, the well project grew in intensity. Now it is no longer something that will be a "great blessing" or "filling a great need" in the community. It is a spiritual battleground. We've been battling through hard rock now for many days, not passing through it yet, and not finding water.*

There have been little things that have broken, a hose connection, a stripped bolt – small but vital. Our (Nahuatl) friend stopped by to help us. He said, "You know, you're struggling through the rock, your things are breaking, and you're not finding water because you haven't given an offering to the territorial spirit that lives on the hill in the middle of the village and rules the community." Another person told us, "It's not going well for you because you don't believe like we do!"

From the people's perspective, drilling a well is more than just a drilling machine grinding through rock. It is about the spiritual world, and success is dependent upon your allegiance to those powers. The community is watching but expecting failure. Our allegiance is not to some territorial spirit. Our allegiance is to the CREATOR of ALL the earth, the rocks, the ground, the water, and the spirits."

UIM Aviation was able to assist these missionaries by flying in much needed parts for this well like a diamond tipped drill head. We were also able to purchase fresh veggies, eggs, dog food, lumber, etc., in order to restock their supplies.



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Spiritual Battle *continued*

Several supply flights were made to replenish the missionaries' cupboards. They live in a remote village and don't have access to a grocery store that most of us rely on so heavily for our food.

On day 16 of the well drilling, the drilling apparatus broke while still inside the hole. For now, the project is postponed. The drilling team left to regroup and consider a future strategy. In May, we are hoping to fly a hydrologist in to do a soil analysis of the drilling location. We praise the Lord that we are able to help them in this way.



Farmer's kids helping buy supplies for the missionaries.

But we can be confident that even this is in God's great plan. Missionaries often face defeat as well as victories. Please lift up these missionaries during this discouraging time. Please pray, as they desire to see a well drilled to meet the needs of the people. Pray that God would show Himself POWERFUL to these lost Nahuatl people, that ALL the people there would see and know that He is greater than their gods and most of all, come to know Him as their God and Savior.

Internship Opportunities

UIM Aviation offers an internship to interested high school and college students. It provides the student an opportunity to see what happens in a typical day and week of a missionary pilot's life.

Caleb Patterson, a young man whose parents are missionaries in Honduras, has wanted to be a missionary pilot for several years. He recently spent two weeks with David and Olivia Wolf in Mexico. During his time in Mexico, Caleb went on training flights with David and another UIM missionary, Jasson Farmer, as they familiarized themselves with the area and airplane. He was given the opportunity to fly on several occasions and learn about mountain flying techniques. Caleb was impressed with how the airplane is utilized in helping so many different ministries in Mexico. After two years in Bible College, Caleb plans to spend time on his flight training and then, Lord willing, be in the mission field as a pilot.



Caleb's first experience at missionary flying!

If you or a student you know would be interested in experiencing an internship with UIM Aviation, you can contact Kevin Dunn at: aviation@uim.org.



UIMA Exists to Change Lives



Dreams Do Come True!



Jasson Farmer practicing landings with David Wolf.

When working in aviation there are many things that you don't tell your passengers: "This is the first time I have ever worked on a real airplane," "I think we are having engine problems," or "You're my first passengers!" December 28 marked one of these days for Jasson Farmer. While the Huichol pastors weren't his first passengers, they were the first he's flown as a missionary pilot.

The Huichol believers have been out in the mountains of Mexico teaching and translating the book of 2 Samuel. What a privilege it is to come alongside them and serve the Lord with them! One of the best parts

about being a missionary pilot is that you get to see what God is doing firsthand in many different parts of the world.

UIM missionaries, Jasson and Kim Farmer and Clif and Kari Huntting, have been faithfully following the course of training that all missionary pilots need in order to fly in rough terrain. This training includes many, many years of Bible school, airplane mechanic school, pilot training, years of experience, and language school. It takes multitude of years and commitment for missionary pilots from the time they first feel the Lord leading them to the mission field until the time that they are actually on the field serving. The dream of becoming a missionary pilot the Lord gave Jasson and Kim Farmer and Clif and Kari Huntting many years ago has finally happened. Flight orientation has begun!



Jasson Farmer unloading lumber for a church planter.

What is all included in a flight orientation? Many of the dirt airstrips that UIM pilots land on, have challenges that most pilots never face. How do you land on short, narrow airstrips with terrain obstructions? All new pilots with UIMA need to undergo a flight checkout on each and every airstrip in order to learn the different challenges of each one. UIMA will use Clif Huntting and Jasson Farmer, along with the help of David Wolf, to open up the new flight base in Central Mexico. UIMA is thrilled that their dream of opening a flight base in Central Mexico is finally becoming a reality.



Clif Huntting starting flight orientation with Micheal Busenitz!

Staff Changes



Kevin and Pam Dunn served eleven years in Honduras with Biblical Ministries World wide, before coming on loan with UIM five years ago. They recently became UIM members. Kevin is currently the Director of Operations for UIM Aviation along with pilot and mechanic responsibilities. We are delighted to have a gifted man fill a vital role in UIMA.



Kim and Bart Haines began their flying ministry on the field of Indonesia with New Tribes Mission. They also served with NTM in Papua New Guinea and Arizona. They recently transitioned to UIM Aviation. We are thrilled to add such an experienced pilot to our team.



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Missed us at Sun-n-Fun?
Catch us at Air Venture in Oshkosh, WI!

Chihuahua Hanger in a Holding Pattern

You may remember that the registration for the airstrip we use in Chihuahua has expired and officials have told us not use it. (This is the airstrip right near our hangar!) Our Chihuahua pilots helped the owner of this airstrip by collecting required documents for the registration renewal. The owner submitted these, but until a letter is received from Mexico City allowing us to use the airstrip, we have to rent parking space at the International Airport.

Why is this an issue? This situation is more costly. It delays our takeoff time in the morning since we can't fly until the airport office opens to give us flight paperwork. Additionally we are without our own hangar to preform maintenance.

Recently, our pilots performed a 50-hour maintenance inspection under these less than ideal conditions, hauling our tools from our hangar to a borrowed space in a friend's busy hangar at the Int'l Airport. This inconvenient situation has made us appreciate the Lord's provision of our own hangar in Chihuahua.

Pray for patience as we wait to use our hangar and airstrip again, and that the paperwork will be approved soon. We know that the details of life are in the Lord's hands and we want to be useful to Him and glorify Him in every situation, even when we don't understand the setbacks.



*Thanks for your
continued support of
this ministry.*

*The Lord continues
to change lives in
Mexico!*

*"The Lord has assigned to each His task. Some plant the seed, some water it, but it is only God who makes it grow.
We have one purpose, for we are all God's fellow workers." 1 Corinthians 3:5-9*