

October 20, 2007

Dear friends and family,

Greetings from Bangui in the Central African Republic! No, I haven't moved, but I have been flying. Today I brought a Wycliffe itinerate teacher who is normally based in Cameroon to help teach several kids of a Wycliffe family who are based in CAR. Along with her were 2 other passengers, the regional and international directors of Baptist Mid-Mission who will be conducting a pastor's conference in Bangui. Tomorrow, I will leave Bangui with one of the national translators who will undergo some medical tests in Yaoundé but will also be making 2 additional stops to pick up several other missionaries who will be involved in RFIS board meetings (the missionary school in Yaoundé).

Life has certainly been full the last several months. The last 2 months of flying have been quite challenging since it is the height of rainy season. In addition to flying, I continue to do the majority of the flight scheduling along with being the inspector for our progressive inspection maintenance program.

In August we completed an engine change on our airplane which was a very busy 3-week project. The engine that was installed 3 years ago had reached its overhaul limit of 1700 hours. It had safely completed 1,147 flights carrying 4,549 passengers and 156,000# of cargo over 215,000 miles. Praise the Lord! Here we are attaching the new engine to the engine mounts (rather important).

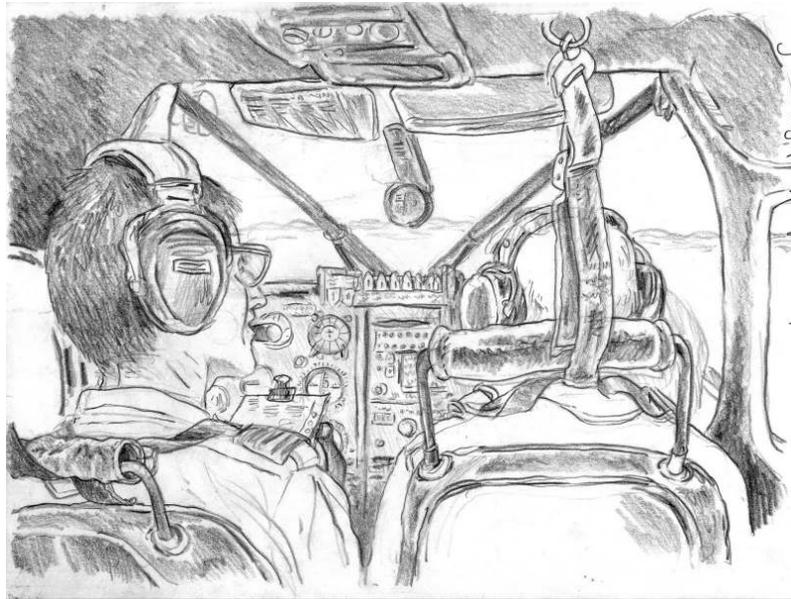


One of the highlights of October was being able to spend 3 days at the beach with about 20 other people during the RFIS school break. We had a great time together and it was a timely break for me as well. It was my first official vacation time since arriving in Cameroon.



Picture compliments of Mattijs Poldervaart

In June I did a flight to Bangui for the Grace Brethren Mission. They were conducting training seminars in Cameroon and CAR for churches interested in publishing their own magazine. One of the gentlemen, Didier Millotte, who comes from France, is an illustrator and sketched continuously during the flight to Bangui. Although his commentary is in French (and very funny), they are still very impressive. With his permission I have posted them on my website as well at



www.petersonfamily.info/robert/gallery2. The originals and full commentary are located on his blog at <http://dimillotteblog.blogspot.com/>.

The Sunday morning Bible study continues and is going really well. The three men involved have been very faithful and it's exciting to see them growing. Thank you for your prayers for them and for me I as lead it. We are coming to a stage where they will need to begin studying more independently in preparation for each week. Please pray that they will be motivated to study and that as they do, that their love for God's Word would grow.

My family is doing well. Mom and dad continue to serve with Wycliffe at the JAARS center. My brother Todd and his wife are preparing to move from Colorado Springs to Alaska in April where he will be flying C17s. Alyssa is riding a bike on her own, and Jeremiah, who turned 1 in October, is now walking.

Please continue to pray:

1. That I would seek first God's kingdom in all things.
2. For our Bible study/discipleship group (Yves, Didier & Mark) and for me as I prepare and lead this group.
3. Safety and wisdom in flying – It's still rainy season.
4. My brother and family as they prepare to move to Alaska in April, but are trying to settle on housing now.

Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and support. I am deeply grateful for your partnership with me in bringing God's Word to the people of Cameroon. May the Lord bless you richly!

In Him, Robert

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