

Let all creation rejoice before the Lord, for He comes,.... Psalm 96:13

Hello Family and Friends,

Well, our new year is well under way, and we have a lot to be thankful for. We seem to have many friends who are travelling some tough roads right now, especially with losses of loved ones, but even though we grieve, we can grieve with the assurance and hope that, as His children, it is only a temporary separation.

January saw me, Joel, back in Zambia for a month. Sue decided to stay to be with her mother so Cameron Johnson, who was foundational in starting Proclaim, was able to come with me and help carry the nine bags we took. Cameron grew up in Liberia and hasn't been back to the African continent since the late 80's. Our project was to put together an engine and most of the engine parts had been brought to the States in November by one of the Flying Mission pilots for testing or overhaul. Our nine luggage bags contained 80-90% of the engine (crankshaft, camshaft, cylinders, pistons, gasket sets, etc.)!

Josh and Natalie Schilinski (see our Jan 2024 update) joined us in Zambia after spending Christmas with Josh's family in Cameroon. It was super helpful to have them and Cameron there for a couple of weeks. By the time they left, the engine was about ready to install and four days after they left the plane was in the air again. Cameron was able to do a day trip to Macha School with Greg Krause to set up a Starlink internet system for the teachers and students.

Sue was able to visit some of you in Wisconsin on her way to and from Chicago, dropping me off and picking me up. It's always encouraging for us to hear how God is working in and through you. Sue's mom continues to soldier on in life, though we are seeing a slow decline, bringing her closer to the day she can meet her Savior face to face.

With Great Appreciation, Joel And Sue



The Bag Boys



With Josh, Cameron & Greg on FMZ water tower.



Starlink Installation in Macha











Engine assembly to first start

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