MISSION STATEMENT

Build financial relief for missionaries-in-training and missionaries in the field. Grow a prayer lifeline to nurture their spiritual, physical and economic needs.

Written by Danielle 2007 Harvesters Scholarship Recipient

"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth." If I had to choose the passage that has made the biggest impact on my life and best defines the way I live, 1 John 3:16-18 would be it. God has put a passion in my heart for helping others and reaching out to those who have never heard his name or about the amazing love he offers. I have had a heart for missions for quite awhile now, since the day that I accepted Christ back in fifth grade. God has put these verses on my heart a lot lately and has been showing me how to live my life in a way more honoring to him.

I am driven by a passion to show my love for God through loving the other people God has placed around me. Now, I can say that I love someone and then go on living without actually demonstrating that love to them, or I can choose to live out my life in a way that people will notice the love of God that I have in me flowing out through my actions. I find that loving other people through simple acts of kindness and aently placed kind words is a much more effective way to reach out to the lost and hurting. When you love other people through your behavior and in all the little things you do, you can make all the difference in the world to someone. Even such things as holding the door open for someone or bringing them a cup of hot chocolate on a cold winter's day can make a huge impact on a person's life. People notice that you are different if you live out in love. They notice that something

is different and wonder what is making the difference, which in turn opens up great opportunities to share the great news of the Gospel with them.

I am finishing up my freshman year of college, and already God has taught me so much and grown me in ways I never thought possible. I have had so many opportunities to talk with people about missions and learn from missionaries first hand. Their stories inspire me and remind me of all I have learned on past missions trips. In addition to all that I am learning in the classroom, I have been blessed with the opportunity to go down with a group of fellow students from my college once a month to a church down in Tijuana, Mexico. There they house several mothers and children whose fathers have abandoned them, providing them shelter and teaching them God's word. It is such a blessing to be able to go down there and play games with the kids and to meet the needs of the church by doing whatever work project they have lined up for us, whether it be leveling out a road or mixing concrete or other service projects. Being involved in this ministry has taught me a lot, especially by allowing me to work in the culture that I feel God might be calling me to work in the future.

I am humbled by all of the things that God has been allowing me to do, and I see every day as a new opportunity to make an impact on other peoples' lives. Each morning I pray that God would provide opportunities for me to love on other people and that he would open my eyes to these opportunities. I pray that you all would also be looking out for ways to reach out to those around you, whether it be at your job, your home, your school, even the grocery store - everywhere you go. Remember the love that God demonstrated to us, and live out your lives constantly watching and taking advantage of opportunities to reach out to the lost and hurting

around you. You'll never know how big of an impact you can have on the world around you unless you let God's love pour out through you.

Written by Rebecca 2005, 2006 Harvesters Scholarship recipient

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good . . . All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines. The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 11, 12

Working and serving with Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) is experiencing the body of Christ in action--working together as a unit, as it should be. The activities of MAF are usually out of the sphere of what the word "missionary" conjures up in most people's minds. But without the ministry of MAF working as a part of and in unison with the greater body of Christ, many ministries would figuratively have their legs (or other body parts) cut out from underneath them.

This different from what people think of as "traditional" missionary activity is reflected in MAF's mission statement:

Our passion is to see individuals, communities, and nations transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We promote this transformation by positioning Christ-centered staff in strategic locations worldwide utilizing aviation, communications, learning technologies, other appropriate

technologies and related services. In accomplishing our mission, we collaborate with churches, subsidiaries, partners, and networks. (http://maf.org/about)

My husband and I started out as a typical MAF pilot/mechanic family in 1992 in Suriname, South America. Until 2001 we flew Bible translators, ex-pat and national missionaries, medical workers and patients in and out of remote villages nestled deep in the rain-forest. MAF's activity maintained a lifeline between these remote villages to capital city of Paramaribo. The only other access to these villages would be days to weeks of travel by river and foot through forest, swamps and rugged terrain.

In 2001 very capable Suriname nationals were able to fill all the roles needed in the Suriname MAF program called SZV. At that time we chose to move to Moscow, Russia, where we are currently involved in a very non-typical MAF program. During most of our years here in Russia we have still been facilitating other ministries through logistics, but instead of aviation, we were using distance learning technologies, warehousing/shipping and visa services.

Aviation has not been completely off our radar in our years of service here in Russia, however; as there is a huge need for aviation services in some remote areas of Siberia. Currently MAF Russia is shifting their efforts from the logistical support mentioned above to aviation. Honestly, there is a very long way to go before we can say there is mission aviation in Russia, but God seems to be opening the doors at this time. If mission aviation does "take off" in Russia, MAF will be mainly facilitating the vision of Christian Russian pilots to minister in their own country.

MAF has provided a platform for us to live in two very unique countries. While performing the logistics ministry, I, as the wife in this partnership, have had the joy and flexibility of using my God-given gifts in numerous ways, from being a stay at home mom when our children were young, to active involvement in the international schools where our children attended, to friendships, Bible studies, mentoring, and especially helping connect people with the right resources for getting their needs met.

Over the years I noticed that there are so many unnecessary problems in missions because of lack of cultural sensitivity. Much of my intercultural training I had taken at Biola years ago as an undergrad came back to me during my years on the mission field. I wished to revisit and further what I learned since I now had a different perspective after living on the mission field. I also had the desire to some day be able to teach and train others in the art of intercultural communication. Thus I began to take a class as a field course from Biola University every time I had a furlough.

When we moved to Russia, I heard that the School of Intercultural Studies at Biola University was beginning an Extension program in Europe for M.A. and D.Miss students. I did not begin the program right away, however, as I did not know how we were able to fund this education and began to pray in earnest for God to make a way if this were His will. In the meantime someone from two decades ago stepped back into our lives when he came to Russia to do a temporary job for his company. Besides the joy of getting to know this man in a new way, he also introduced me to Harvesters Scholarship Foundation and encouraged me to apply for a scholarship.

I graduate this May in absentia from Biola with my M.A. in Intercultural Studies. The education made possible by Harvesters' generous support has already been invaluable my ministry. Not only have I taken excellent classes, but have had the opportunity to grow from interaction with other active missionaries who have also taken these courses. I believe that as a result of the training Harvesters made possible, my ministry has been taken to a new level.

My family is on the brink of yet another change in our ministry as we head back to the US for a one year furlough and seek direction from the Lord for our next step. Now as I look ahead, my desire to be involved in teaching and training of others is a distinct possibility because of the education made possible through Harvesters. Not only has working with MAF been an experience of the body of Christ in action, so has my experience with Harvesters: People who give to Harvesters make it possible for Harvesters to help missionaries like me, who then reach others with their ministry.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Expenses	
Scholarship distribution	\$31,000
Field workers award	\$9,000
Office expense	\$169
Total expenses	\$40,169
Assets	
Cash	\$103734
Stock	\$73,679
Mutual Fund	\$321,007
Total funding	
as of April 30, 2008	\$498,420

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"The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners..."

Isaiah 61:1



收割者獎學基金會通訊

宗旨

為宣教士與宣教學生提供經濟的支持,建立禱告的網絡, 澆灌神的工人,在靈性、身體與經濟上的需要。

達尼埃爾 2007收割者獎學金得獎人

"主為我們捨命,我們從此就知道何 為愛。我們也當為弟兄捨命。凡有世 上財物的,看見弟兄窮乏,卻塞住怜 恤的心,愛神的心怎能存在他裡面 呢?小子們哪,我們相愛,不要只在 言語和舌頭上。總要在行為和誠實 上。"

我的心被神的愛深深地感動,去 愛我身邊的其他人,讓我顯示出我對 神的愛。我是否口裡說我愛他人,而 在生活上卻沒有實際愛的表現; 或 是,在我的生活中,透過我的行為, 人們會發現到神的愛。當我去接触那 些迷失的群眾和一些受過傷害的人 時,最有效的方法是藉簡單而有愛心 的行動,或者是說一些有愛心的話 語。雖然是一些很小的事,但當事人 會感覺得到你與眾不同。例如你為他 人開門,或者是在一個寒冷的冬天, 送上一杯熱的巧克力給他人,這都會 令當事人有很深的感受。人們會注意 到你愛心的表現。當他們看到那些不 同的表現而產生好奇心時,他們會想

知道是什么讓你有這种差異,你就有機會向他們分享好消息(福音)。

我正在完成我大學一年級的課 程,神已經給了我很多學習和成長的 機會,是我想象不到的。我有很多機 會,與他人討論宣教的事工,還能夠 直接從宣教士身上得到第一手資料。 他們的經歷,激勵我和提醒我在過去 宣教時所學的。除了在課堂學習到的 知識,我更有機會與一組的同學,每 月一次,前往探望在蒂華納,墨西哥 的一所教堂。這教堂提供居住給幾個 被丈夫遺棄的妻子和他們的子女,并 教導他們神的話語。我覺得我們可以 到那裡,是神的祝福。我們在那裡, 能夠與孩子們玩游戲,和做教會安排 給我們的工作。無論是填平一條道 路,或是攪拌混凝土,或其他服務項 目,都可以滿足他們的需求。這事工 教導了我很多,尤其是讓我在一個异 文化中工作。我更覺得神可能會在不 久將來選召我到那种文化中工作。

利百加 2005和2006收割者獎學金 得獎人

飛宣的使命宣言,反映出它與一 般的宣教的不同之處:

 maf.org/about)

1992年,我和我丈夫加入了飛宣。我們一家被派到南美洲的蘇里南作飛行員/修理員。直到2001年,我們運載一些聖經翻譯員,外國和當地的宣教士,醫務人員和患病者進出那些在雨水森林深處的鄉村。飛宣的活動,保持了這些偏僻鄉村與首都帕拉馬裡博之間的交通渠道。另外唯一進入這些村庄的方法,是靠步行,經過河流,走過森林,沼澤和崎嶇的山岭,需要數天至幾個星期的時間,才能到達。

在2001年,一些非常能干的蘇裡南國民已經能夠擔 起飛宣在蘇裡南所有工作(簡稱SZV)。在當時,我們 選擇俄羅斯的莫斯科為我們的新工場,我們在那裡服侍 是一些并非飛宣一般的工作。多年在俄羅斯的工作,是 通過後勤支持來推展其他的事工。我們使用遙距學習技 術,倉儲/船運及簽證服務,而非航空服務。

在俄羅斯服務多年,我們并沒有完全放棄航空方面的事奉。在西伯利亞一些偏遠的地區,那裡非常需要航空方面的服務。目前,俄羅斯飛宣正在轉移他們的方針,從後勤支持轉向航空服務。坦白說,离我們用飛行來服侍俄羅斯,還有一段很長的路。但上帝似乎是在為我們開門。如果航空服務真的在俄羅斯開始,飛宣的國家是用俄羅斯當地的基督徒飛行員來服侍他們自己的國家。

飛宣讓我們生活在兩個非常獨特的國家。除了在後 勤支持事工服侍外,作為妻子的我,更可以用我的恩 賜,在不同的層面服侍主。當我們的子女還年少的時 候,我可以留在家裡看顧他們,更積极參與子女就讀的 國際學校裡的活動。還可以與他人建立友誼,參加聖經 研究,輔導,幫助他人尋索适當的資源等。

多年在工場上,我發現到很多在宣教工場上不應該發生的問題,都是因為缺乏對當地文化的敏感性。在工場裡,令我想起多年前在柏歐拉大學所學的跨越文化培訓。我覺得需要重新審視和從一個不同的角度來學習跨越文化的溝通。有一天,我也渴望能教導和訓練別人認識跨文化溝通的藝術。因此,我開始利用每一個假期,在柏歐拉大學衛星課堂選修一些跨越文化的課程。

當我們轉移到俄羅斯工場時,我听到柏歐拉大學在歐洲開始了一個研究跨越文化的課程,是為碩士和宣教系博士學生而設。不過,因為沒有足夠的學費。我開始自己,他會開路。在此期間,有一位我們在20年前認識的朋友被他的公司派到俄羅斯做一份短期的工作。我們非常高興再一次與這位朋友相見,他還把收割者學基金會介紹給我,并鼓勵我申請基金會獎學金。

我將在今年五月畢業(雖然我未能親自參加畢業 典禮),領取柏歐拉大學的"跨越文化研究" 碩士學 位。這學習的機會是因著收割者獎學基金會的慷慨支 持,并已經幫助我有更好的事奉。大學不僅提供給我一 些优秀課程,更有機會與其他的宣教士互動,幫助我成 長。因著收割者獎學基金會提供的培訓機會,相信在今 後的事奉上,一定更上一層樓。

我們一家將遷短期內回美國休息一年(安息年)。我們會重新來到上帝的面前尋求的旨意。觀看前景,因著收割者獎學基金會提供的培訓機會,我愿望可以在教學和培訓他人的可能性是越來越明顯。在飛宣的事奉和與收割者獎學基金會的關係上,我都體顯到在基督裡的互動。收割者獎學基金會可以支助宣教士,是因著每一位奉獻的成員,他們都在宣教的事工上有份。

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