

Proverbs from Around the World

God visits us often,
but most of the time
we are not home.

French Proverb

If you have a lot, give
some of your posses-
sions; if you have little,
give some of your
heart.

Nilotic Proverb

Do not blame God for
having created the
tiger, but thank Him
for not giving it wings.

Ethiopian Proverb

You must keep quiet
or say only things that
improve silence.

Greek Proverb

Life just gives you
time and space—it's
up to you to fill it.

Chinese Proverb

If you make a habit of
buying things you do
not need, you will
soon be stealing things
you do.

Filipino Proverb

It is just as useless to
tell an old person to
hurry as it is to tell a
child to go slow.

Basque Proverb

A harvest of peace
grows from seeds of
contentment.

Indian Proverb

Trust in the Lord with
all your heart; do not
depend on your own
understanding. Seek
His will in all you do,
and He will direct
your paths.

Proverbs 3:5 NLT

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On the Home Front. . .

I followed a car for a while yesterday whose personalized license plate was **INADAZE**. That describes me pretty well. I am just "IN A DAZE" when I look at God's goodness to me and my family. So I've decided to deviate from the usual Foundation Letter and just send a family update this month.

The other night Zach came into the kitchen while I was making egg foo yong for supper and said, "I'm going tricking tomorrow, Mom. I won't hurt myself." Hmmm. "What's tricking?" I asked. "Sort of a mix between gymnastics and martial arts—only not really," he said. So—Zach is into "tricking" these days.



**Zachary — My last one
at home**

He and his cousin go and usually do come home with some injury!

Zach is in his senior year at Rose Hill High School. What a happy afternoon when he received the "citizenship award" at the Pep Rally! He gets his own parking spot near the front doors of the school for a month!



Zach receives his award



**Mindy — At New Tribes Bible
Institute in Wisconsin**

Mindy is working towards a two year Bible Degree with missions as her goal. She has a job as a school bus driver to pay her school bill. It fits well into her schedule but the mornings are very early. I asked her to let me know how her first day went—and I received these two text messages on my phone. (These are authentic — complete with misspellings!)

9:00 a.m. Hey! My route went really well! Thanks for praying!

5:04 p.m. First my bus overheated and i was stuck in the middle me nowhere. My bus about to blow up! then I had to ask for all the parents id's as the kids got off. I then had to finish the route and them I was thirty minutes late to my other route. Those kids i felt so bad for them.. I was very proud that i could look at a map and skip a bunch of stops. Otherwise i wouldnt have been back til like seven im the evening! That was my afternoon! Lol

Believe me, I will never look at school busses the same again! Every time I see a big yellow bus, I start praying: for the driver, for the kids to be nice and polite to the driver, that the bus doesn't over-heat, that other drivers will give them plenty of room to make wide turns, and the list goes on! It's pretty funny.

Thanks for praying for Mindy. She is learning a lot.



**Jeff & Sarah —
Liberty University**

A week in the life of a Liberty University School of Aeronautics flight instructor: (as described by Jeff)

It starts with a 0530 alarm on Monday morning for our 0630 CFI meeting. During this time we do a devotional, pray for our students, and spend some time reviewing items from flight line that need to be discussed. I currently fly with 6 students throughout the week: one private pilot applicant, 3 instrument applicants, and 2 commercial applicants. Three of them are headed to the mission field when they graduate. I am sincerely grateful for the opportunity that I have to be a part of such an amazing flight program here at Liberty.

God has blessed us with over 200 students, about 100 of which are flying regularly. As a program, we operate 9 Cessna 172SP Skyhawks, 3 Cessna 172 Kutlass RGs, 1 Piper Seminole, and 1 Piper Saratoga. With so many students and aircraft flying, we ask that you pray for the continued safety of all flights here at Liberty so that we can continue to send professional pilots into the aviation industry to be a witness for Christ.



A new era in missionary aviation—the Kodiak



We witnessed a historic event a few weeks ago when the first production Kodiak airplane visited Wichita during a nationwide tour. The Kodiak is the new airplane that the missionary aviation community is buzzing about. The Kodiak has been designed specifically for mission aviation by Quest Aircraft. It has a powerful turbine engine, special

wing design, rugged landing gear and a healthy ground clearance that will withstand remote and rugged grass and dirt airstrips. The Kodiak also uses jet fuel which is readily available and less expensive than aviation gasoline that has been increasingly expensive and hard to find worldwide.

*For information about the
Kodiak:
www.questaircraft.com*

... Martin would have loved this plane!



The planes NTM uses now only hold so many people, so in emergencies it takes several trips to get people out.

Martin would have to make choices — you know — “I’ll take the women and the children and the computers on the first flight,” hoping he could get back to



get the men before peace and order fell apart. With the new plane, they can do it in one flight.

It seats ten with room for cargo. And because of its wing shape and power, can take off and land as quickly as smaller planes.

*For information on New
Tribes Mission
—including daily news
updates from around the
world—
www.ntm.org*

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The Kodiak — millions unreached...none unreachable



A special thanks to Dave and Debra VanderGriend (far right) and their family for hosting the event. Doug & Cheryl Schaible (NTM Reps) were also there to make sure things went well.

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The event out at Wichita's Mid-Continent Airport was well attended and just plain lots of fun! Those who came were free to have a good look and sit in the plane. There were a handful of NTM missionaries there, and we were in awe of the new plane that will carry at least twice as much as the planes we now fly. It will fly faster and need less maintenance. New Tribes Mission expects to put 14 Kodiaks into service in the near future.

*God just showers us with good things!
One of those good things is you.*



The spirit of the day captured in food!



Our T-shirt motto....says it all!

In a Daze. . .

That is how we often feel here in the office at my house. The other morning, there was a message on our voice mail from a local medical clinic. They had some outdated medicine which was still good that they wanted to donate and pass along to a missionary effort. It turned out to be two trash bags of medicine! We had a pharmacist friend come over and group the medicines together and make sure all the needed instructions were there—and next week these medicines are being hand delivered

to a small hospital in Zimbabwe. Just one of those “normal” days at the Burnham house. We are so excited! God just showers us with good things!

One of those good things is you. You who pray for us and entrust us with your money. We do not take you for granted. We don't take this Foundation for granted. We know that God's goodness is the only reason that we are able to give to projects that we have a heart for.

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