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Hi Friends,

Many have asked how I am weathering the year 2020. I have realized that a pandemic and being held hostage are very similar.

It came out of nowhere. Caught off guard. No one plans on a pandemic (or being taken hostage).

A sudden loss of freedom and being told what to do. Stay indoors. Wash your hands. Disinfect everything. Wear a mask. (Being told what to do in the jungle was more like: sit here, eat this, don't do that, be quiet.)

Surrounded by a deadly enemy—a virus that we don't understand. (During our captivity surrounded by treacherous men with deadly M-16's.)

Cut off from those we love. Fearful. Not knowing how long this trial will last. Waiting, waiting, waiting to be set free and get back to normal. You get the point.

Have you noticed that the more you "practice" something, the better you become at it? I guess my "practice run" for 2020 came in 2001. I really think that we learn things by what we suffer! I learned to trust God in my hostage experience, and it has served me well this year.

Of course, my travel/speaking schedule totally fell apart in early March. Just like you, I made adjustments and was able to see my COVID isolation as a time of rest, to do things I never get to do, slow down, clean out closets, pray.

I've learned to love life as it is, not as I wish it to be. And we all know that God is good in it all!

I'd love to hear what you learned during this crazy year. Our "tests" are what make up our testimonies, right? I love hearing stories and testimonies of God's goodness.

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Me as a Mom: "You get what you get. Deal with it."

Me as a Grandma: "Would you like your grilled cheese cut into hearts or stars?"

Ministry Highlight



Mission Safety International

**"Dedicated to Safety
as a Way of Life"**



MSI is a Safety Organization. Their mandate is to help make Missionary Aviation safer. The Martin and Gracia Burnham Foundation has been honored to partner with them over the years.

As we did our "jungle pilot" work in mountainous regions in the Philippines, Martin always looked forward to Safety Seminars put on by MSI. We knew that MSI's mandate was the well-being of missionary pilots and mechanics all over the world – and that safety sessions would be relevant and educational. You can imagine the welcome "break" that these seminars were for a bunch of flyers and fix-it guys. They all knew the realities of being under unbelievable stress. They shared their close calls with rapidly changing weather and strong winds, and relayed stories of relief flying after earthquakes and typhoons. And they got progressive, ministry related tips for making their job less precarious.

For 37 years, Mission Safety International has been coming alongside Missionary Aviation agencies to bless them. Audits, seminars, and projects worldwide keep them busy! For more information on MSI, or to order their newsletter (The Safety Net), visit their website: www.msisafety.org. They accept donations! You might want to sponsor a Safety Seminar! What I love about MSI is that their bottom line isn't airplanes and aviation. They never forget that what they do is because of isolated and impoverished INDIVIDUALS who need help. There are lots of unreached people out there.

When Jesus said, "GO into all the world", that includes travel. MSI hopes to make that travel much safer.



My youngest son, Zachary, is getting married. Mallory is a sweet-heart. She loves the Lord and loves Zach. And we love her! Wedding in December. Yay!

Despite the pandemic, gifts have come in to the Foundation. Our Board will meet in early 2021 prepared to give. Thank you for your generosity!

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