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Dear Mercy Wings Partner,

I am pleased to report these many new milestones that have come into being as a result of faithful partners who share in the vision of Living Water Teaching (LWT) / Mercy Wings International (MWI) to speed the Gospel in and around Central America:

- Supporter's rally, \$10K Guatemalan insurance policy obtained, cleared for a year of air operations!
- Inspections and oxygen system upgrades complete, necessary steps to return MWI to Guatemala.
- April 15, 2009, MWI departs McAllen TX, flying 870NM, arrives La Aurora International Airport, Guatemala City.
- April 17, 2009, MWI begins final leg from Guatemala City to Quetzaltenango, historic in that Living Water Teaching has had no permanent aviation department or missionary/pilot/mechanic on staff for over 10 years.
- April 28, 2009, Guatemalan Aviation Authority grant "Annual Permission" to MWI for unlimited operations within the country of Guatemala, and approval to conduct aviation maintenance at our Quetzaltenango mission base.
- May 30, 2009, annual inspection completed; aircraft noted to be in excellent condition.
- July 2009, Chuck begins systematic orientation of terrain, Guatemalan air operations, and develops relationships with seasoned aviation operators MAF and AGAPE FLIGHTS.
- August 15, 2009, evaluate remote airstrips where Bible Institute teachers will conduct extension schools. This will reduce travel time from one full day overland to just 25 minutes by air! This enables teachers/ministers to arrive fresh and stay longer.

Shelter from the storm

Built for service and the long-haul is our 100 X 120 ft. hangar facility, complete with offices, living quarters, and aviation maintenance bays. Now, and only after 20 years of constant exposure to volcanic ash, natural disaster, and the punishing sun, is registering signs of age. The roof that could once withstand the seasonal winds and torrential downpours of western Guatemala is now plagued with rusting holes where the rain finds its way through freely. Over the offices and living areas, the wood ceiling and rafters are at risk from streams of rain water that begins the process of rotting and weakening the structure.

There is, however, hope for another 20 years of service. Replacing the roof now would guarantee that no lasting or devastating damage will be incurred in any of the work areas. A professional roofing concern, located in our city of Quetzaltenango estimates they can fully recondition the steel trusses and replace the entire roof with modern zinc coated material at a cost of \$25,000 USD.

We believe that the restoration of MWI to Guatemala was ordained and ordered of God for a season such as this, and that all things are possible through Christ Jesus. It is up to each of us to view with eyes of Faith, the work already completed. A little faithful sowing from a lot of people is all it takes. Can we count on you?

As the Lord speaks to your heart, make your checks payable to Mercy Wings with "Raising the Roof" on the memo line.

"Do not despise this small beginning, for the eyes of the Lord rejoice to see the work begin". Zechariah 4:10 Living Bible

For more details and photos about our hangar restoration project, click on the ["Raising the Roof"](#) tab on the Mercy Wings web site.

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