





All Change

In 1991, Rosie and I attended All Nations Christian College in Hertfordshire, UK, for a year of cross-cultural and missionary training. The featured Bible verse on the wall of the college day nursery where Craig and Jenny spent all of their mornings was I Corinthians 15:51... "We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed." ©

The big news for us this term is the birth of our grandson Theo Lee Roussel, to proud parents Jenny and Darren, on April 18. These last few months have been 'all change' for them, as Darren did his final exams and completed his Master's degree in Audiology and secured a job. When Theo was six weeks old, they began moving into their own place, and so begins a new chapter in all of our lives.



We will miss the pitter patter of Sophie's little feet coming down the hall to greet us each day, but we thank God for the time we have had them so close.

COVID-19 Update



Social distancing continues for us all

Mongolia

I've continued to work with our two remaining staff members Suvda (finance) and Oogi (logistics) to wrap things up in Mongolia. The hangar sale has now been finalized and agreement has been reached about what equipment and parts should be sold to the new owners, who used to rent hangar space from MAF. This has involved a lot of negotiation and detailed work, but what remains will now be shipped to Africa to await re-assignment.

Meanwhile, the aircraft is in Holland being reregistered, and will then have a paint job and an engine change in preparation for its next role.



More Power!

On May 28, yet another electric aircraft took to the skies as Magnix and AeroTEC, both based in Washington State, USA teamed up to launch a Cessna Grand Caravan on its first test flight.



C208B powered by a magniX 500 electric motor
Photo courtesy of magniX

Then, on June 10, the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) granted a two seater trainer built in Slovenia the first Type Certificate for an electric aircraft. Certification of the Pipistrel Velis Electro and its motor (E-811-268MVLC if you are a geek like me) took just under three years.







Now What?

So, now I only seem to have two jobs! I'm still supporting the Chad programme with Maintenance Control (planning and controlling what needs to be done on our two aircraft) as our resident Chief Engineer left for home in March and our long-suffering senior engineer Michel Rasolondranaivo from Madagascar has been filling in since then.

Actually, Michel is a bit stuck now as he made his way to Chad just before international flights were curtailed, which has been a blessing for the Chad programme, but hard on his family. MAF continues to fly on a limited schedule in Chad so we are all glad he is still there, but please pray that we can get him back home for some R&R with his family.

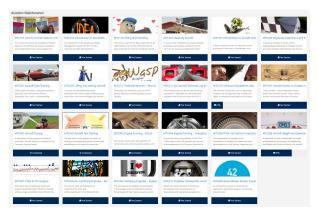


Michel at work



Michel at play

My 'working-from-home' routine in Vancouver hasn't changed much, as I am still very busy creating maintenance training materials and uploading them to our Learning Management System (LMS) to be used by our engineers wherever they have Internet.



Maintenance courses, anyone?

As many of our engineers are spending less time in their hangars, online training is trending. MAF USA also approached me recently to share some of the modules for them to upload to their LMS.

Flying for Life - Even Unto Death

Many of our programmes have kept busy with flying for medical authorities, in support of COVID-19 monitoring. While MAF was very cautious about being a carrier of the virus, rather than a solution, we have had our design engineers working on a cockpit/cabin barrier solution for the Caravans, and this kit is beginning to arrive in our programmes.

Sadly, one of MAF USA's dedicated pilots, Joyce Lin, crashed after takeoff in Sentani, Indonesia on May 12, enroute to a village with COVID-19 test kits. Her death has shocked our whole organization, as she had been preparing for the past ten years to serve with MAF, held MSc (Computer Science) and MDiv degrees and had a servant's heart. It has been 23 years since MAF USA has had a fatal crash, despite operating in some of the most challenging environments in the world. To watch a tribute to Joyce's life and hear her extraordinary testimony, please visit:

https://hub.maf.org/memorial/joyce-lin-memorial

Rosie and I will be celebrating our 35th anniversary soon and although we won't be going to NZ as I promised \odot our kids have kindly arranged to export us to a nearby island, and we are happy to oblige!

Thank you for your prayers and faithful support.

