



# The MAG FIELD REPORT

MISSIONARY AIR GROUP INC

Help and Hope by Air

## MAG Turns One

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It's hard to believe how far MAG has come in just one year. Having gotten through the incorporation and 501(c) recognition processes in record time, MAG now has its first full time workers in place delivering a range of aid and services in Eastern Honduras.

Westley Wiles and wife Denise along with two of their children (David 16, and Joshua 14) are MAG missionaries stationed in the village of Ahuas, in the remote Moskitia region working in partnership with several other medical, relief, and ministry organizations. After completing training with MAG President and Chief Instructor Sean Donnelly this spring, Wes is now flying and maintaining two different Cessna 206 aircraft owned by "Alas de

Socorro de Honduras". There are two other pilots there and a third aircraft owned by "Friends of the Americas" all of whom combine to answer 10-20 emergency medical calls each week.

Many lives have been saved as the direct result of the more than 60 emergency medical flights Wes has personally flown just since June. Emergencies range from critically complicated pregnancies, to young children with high fevers, to farmers with machete wounds, to lobster divers from the coastal areas

suffering from the bends – all of whom would literally be *days* away from medical care without these hard working planes and the pilots and doctors at the Ahuas Medical Clinic.



*This early morning flight to the Moskito village of Wampusirpi saved the life of both this woman and her unborn baby. Weather almost stopped the flight.*

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## The Road Ahead

With relief operations firmly established in Ahuas, the top priority here at home is raising funds needed to retire the remaining debt from the incorporation process and from setting-up operations in Honduras. To accomplish this, as well as to provide funding for promotional materials and needed field communications equipment, \$20,000. is needed by the end of 2006. Working together, this is an attainable goal.

Plans are being formed for volunteer work teams to begin trips to Honduras in Spring 2007 to undertake a number of projects ranging from repair work on the

Medical Clinic to installing runway markers on several remote airstrips.

By Fall 2007, we hope to have completed our pilot training curriculum and to have begun training our first students. Our area of special emphasis will be to identify qualified and motivated nationals who can be sponsored, trained, and sent back as missionary pilots serving their own people in their own native cultures. Investing in and equipping nationals to meet their own needs is the ultimate long term relief solution. One such candidate from the Moskitia, is currently under consideration.

MAG is a non-profit Christian relief organization dedicated to...

...Helping those in need, and Training those who help.

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### Current Needs:

- **Color Laser Printer**
- **Training Aircraft**
- **Sponsorship for a Moskito flight student**

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Wes' wife Denise runs the small mission school in Ahuas, single-handedly teaching the children of all the missionary staff based there. She currently has six students representing three different countries.

On the home front, a volunteer force is taking shape and office operations are becoming more routine. MAG members and donors have enjoyed prompt responses and receipting thanks to Nancy Mari's work in the office. The web site is up and running with web-based donation functionality thanks to Dave Colquitt at DGC Designs. Promotional photography and printing is now being made available thanks to John Ford. And, funding has come in from across the country to support the Wiles family's living expenses on the field in Honduras.

This is a great beginning! Thank you to all who have contributed financial and other resources to

bring *help and hope by air* to this needy and forgotten area of the world.



*Westley and Denise Wiles and sons David and Joshua (hiding) stand beside "47Z" at the Missions Hanger in LaCeiba, Honduras ready for the flight back to the Moskitia.*

## "Forgotten Land, Forgotten People"

Check out the website for details on a new multimedia presentation by Sean Donnelly which, along with photography by John Ford shares gripping stories of the realities of life in the Moskitia of Honduras. Sean is now accepting bookings for speaking engagements – presenting "*Forgotten Land, Forgotten People - A Photo Documentary*". This program is raising not only funds but awareness of the great need in this little known part of the world and the people who are working so hard to help.

Four Star Aviation in Lawrence, Massachusetts sponsored this presentation on October 22, 2006 with over 50 people in attendance. Everyone enjoyed the free hot dogs, cider, and homemade desserts as well as the open question and answer time after the presentation. It was a lot of fun and over \$1,000. was raised for MAG. Thanks everyone!

Contact Sean about his coming to share this presentation with your group, club, organization, or church.

## President's Note



Having just returned from our field base in Ahuas, Honduras, I find myself at once energized and overwhelmed by the challenge of providing help and hope in the face of immense and critical need. At the same time, I am again encouraged as I am reminded just

how much can be done when a whole bunch of folks simply do what they can—together. I had a chance to bring a fellow pilot, John Ford, along with me on the trip. Besides his first glimpse of real poverty and true human need, he made several comments to me reminiscent of my own early observations of this field. He was amazed not that so many people were working together, but that it was impossible to tell where one organization ended and another began. Everyone simply contributed whatever

resources and skills they had and pitched in. Cooperation without competition—what a concept. We conducted a survey of many of the remote airstrips, participated in some emergency medical flights, provided recurrent flight training to the missionary pilots there, and did reconnaissance for future projects. A good trip! So, as plans are made for the next trip, a billion dollar grant would be nice, but God seems to derive greater joy from "regular" folks just doing whatever they can—together.

How about you?

