



Tim and Michele Obarow
CELEBRATING THEIR SERVICE

As Tim and Michele recalled their time at MMS, they shared several memories that they treasure the most.

Obedience to God makes way for incredible provision and love. Tim and Michele Obarow believe that “God doesn’t call half a couple to missions to serve Him, but both.” They remember clearly how God moved in both of their hearts to serve with MMS after their second visit to the hangar in the late 1990’s. Tim brought incredible skill to MMS and is an expert machinist. Michele served MMS families by helping them find a house and making it feel like home. She and Tim remember the many friends they made at MMS who felt more like family.

Tim remembers the glimpses God gave him of how He uses aviation to bring the Gospel to the physically isolated. He remembers sharing Communion with native peoples in Papua New Guinea and Zambia and was encouraged by the faithful walk of other believers who put Christ first in the face of real physical danger. Seeing the effect of mission aviation gave him clear purpose in his service. He loved seeing planes come to the hangar in shambles and seeing them fly off in beautiful new paint schemes.

“The longer I think,” Tim said, “the more I remember, but space does not allow it all to be recorded. I’ll end with the fond memory of many times laughing to tears around the lunch table. May the tradition carry on!” We are so grateful for Tim and Michele’s years of dedicated service to the Lord. They have served faithfully since 2001 and retired in October after 24 years.





HANGAR HAPPENINGS

Structural repairs continue for Elevation Squad's Cessna 207A, led by **Chris Jutte**. **Chuck Egbert** has repaired and reskinned some elevators and ailerons, assisted by **Joshua Johnson**. **Shawn Monyer** and **Brandon Simmons** have repaired and replaced some wing skins and have reinstalled the metal floor in the fuselage. (Above)



Avionics upgrades are underway on Moody Aviation's Cessna U206G, led by **Jim Newman** with help from **Shawn Monyer**, and also their Cessna A185F, led by **Mike Dunkley** with assistance from **Ben Plitt**.



Phil Sperling is overhauling Harvest's LTIO-540 engine under **Josh Adelsberger**'s supervision.

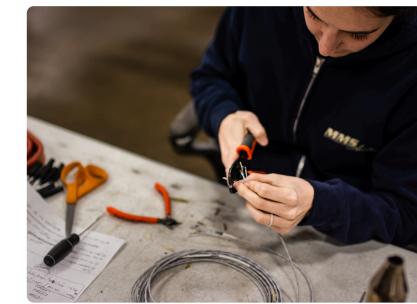
Jack Harper and his team have completed the structural repairs to UIM's TU206F fuselage. **Phil Sperling**, **Brittany Umphress**, and **Matt Woods** did many of the repairs. Phil worked on a turbo door modification, Matt reassembled doors and NLG, and Brittany assisted with cowl and panel repairs. The aircraft is now in the paint booth.



Adonai's Pilatus Porter – **Rebekah Martel** has been working on avionics upgrades. **Jay Shearer** is working with **Aaron Ficker** (Adonai missionary) to repair the horizontal stabilizer.



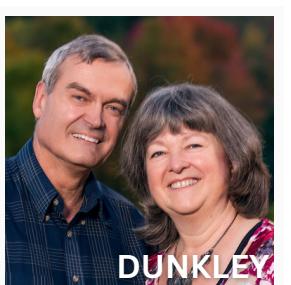
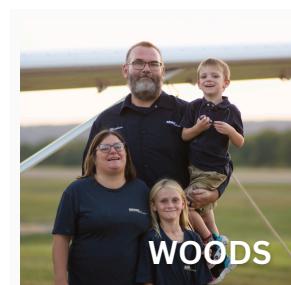
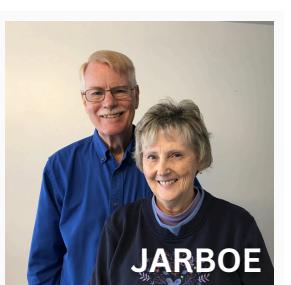
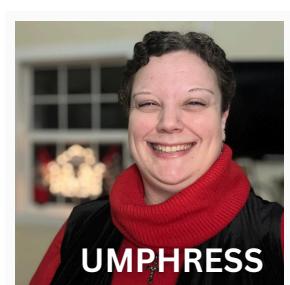
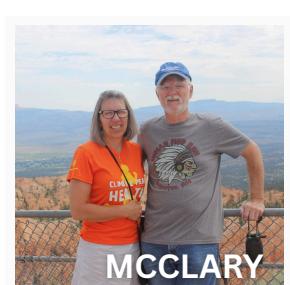
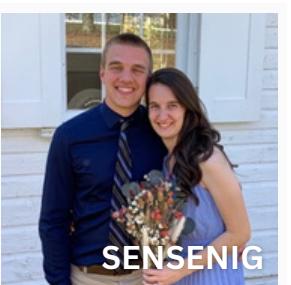
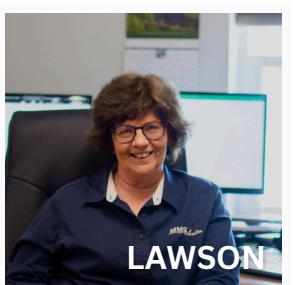
Dale Liff is installing wiring and instruments for MMS's dynamometer, assisted by **Sharee Sensenig** (pictured). **Tim Obarow**, **Bob Campbell**, and **Josh Adelsberger** have done a lot of work on the installation and setup.



Samaritan Aviation brought their U206G floatplane for an annual inspection, and it was completed in early October. **Dale Coates** led the inspection, with supervisor **Jay Shearer**, **Tyler** and **Sharee Sensenig**, **Ben Plitt**, and **Joshua Johnson**.



MMS FAMILY





*introducing our newest
apprentice family -*

BRANDON & VICKI SIMMONS!

After giving his life to Christ, Brandon took a flight with his neighbor. It was after that flight that Brandon knew God was giving him a passion for mission aviation and calling him to serve as a pilot.

Brandon and Vicki love to hike and camp, play board games, and make music. They spent several years working with A Christian Ministry in the National Parks (ACMNP). Collectively, they served in Yellowstone National Park, Glacier Bay National Park, Glacier National Park, and Zion National Park, where they had the opportunity to host Sunday worship services and share the Gospel. They're the kind of people you want to have around - filling life with the joy of the Lord and effectively bringing His kingdom where He calls them. We're glad they're here.

sending off BEN & KATI WINSLEY

Ben and Kati are off to North Carolina! Ben acquired his A&P certificate in September, and he and Kati moved in October to start flight training with Missionary Air Group (MAG).

During their time here, Ben showed great mechanical ability and completed tasks quickly. Kati worked as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and would like to continue to serve in the medical field. It is a joy to see men and women using the skills God has given them to help further God's Kingdom.

The Winsleys are interested in ministry involving Bible translation and church planting in either Papua New Guinea or Indonesia.



President's Pen

Phil Maddux
President and CEO

Our 50th anniversary celebration in October exceeded our expectations in so many ways. Saturday was a beautiful fall day, and we estimate that a couple thousand people walked through the hangars to see what God has been doing through MMS and through many of our mission partners who joined us in our Hangar A "Exhibit Hall." On a gray and rainy Sunday a smaller, more intimate group gathered and enjoyed fellowship, food, and music in our Hangar C "Dining Hall." But my favorite was Friday evening. Almost 300 former MMS staff, friends, and family gathered to honor the Lord and remember how He has used this ministry for 50 years.

What do we have planned for the next 50 years of ministry at MMS? Honestly, I don't know. We have targets and milestones that lead to training more mechanics and sending more aircraft to the field. But the truth is, we don't even know if MMS will be here in 50 years. I hope that by then the task of taking the gospel to every nation will be completed, and aircraft will no longer be needed.

At MMS, we are working toward that end. If we must have one goal to propel us forward 50 years, let it be that we are found faithful, never wavering from wholehearted obedience to the Lord. Let us serve with love for one another and compassion for those who are lost without Christ. Let us use our resources wisely so that our work is effective. Let us pursue excellence in all that we do. Let us be diligent in our efforts.

And when the Lord returns may He find us faithful!

- Phil





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