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Dear Friends,

It's not long now till I depart in this plane. The last several weeks I've been up at 3 or 4 a.m. planning this trip to the Cabécar Indians. It's not that easy. Here are only some of the things on my check list:

1. Get registration of airplane and overflight permits to satisfy Mexican & CA officials.
2. Get customs decal for the plane (\$27) and insurance to go to Mexico and Central America (one year's coverage-- \$2416.41).
3. Pack clothes, survival food, water, water filter, machete, tie down ropes; get log chain and padlock to put on the propeller against plane theft, also throttle lock.
4. Duct tape, first aid kit, maps, etc.
5. Plan routes, patches and air pump for the plane tires; spare parts like brake pads and certain tools; fire extinguisher, knives and keys; Bible and notes; tie-down ropes, international flight plan forms, flashlight, current data on GPS equipment, etc. , radio station license, all over-flight and landing permits. Rain gear, airplane oil.
6. Get house here ready for departure means quite a lot in the Arctic.
7. Arrange for heating oil for the whole winter
8. Get all important phone numbers, email addresses and files.
9. Park all vehicles in Fairbanks and disconnect the batteries.
10. Lock up valuables (which shouldn't take too long).
11. For the telephone set up to work in Costa Rica



Starting around October 7th, Lord willing, I shall be accompanied by Tom Murray, a longtime friend, for the entire trip from Fairbanks, Alaska, to Costa Rica. Please put us on your prayer list from October 7 through November 5th. Pray we'll have safety, sufficient funds, no Mexican jail time, no theft of the plane by drug lords in Mexico or El Salvador, no plane radio or mechanical problems, and pray for airplane gasoline at all fuel stops, for no really bad weather that would keep us in a motel 6 for days.

I appreciate all of you who care about this opportunity to help a Spanish church reach some Cabécar Indians in the rainforest, who have never seen civilization or heard the gospel. They are still fascinated by a flashlight and have no forks or spoons. In their language there is no word for "leadership" or "love," and the word used for both is "respect." Pray for safe gravel bar landings on the river near the Cabécars, and for a nearby volcano to behave itself. Pray also for a missionary pilot for Costa Rica whom I can train to fly the plane to reach the Cabécar Indians. Our Lord Jesus said "Go ye into all the world," and not only if it is safe to go or not costly or convenient. Even though my middle name is Paul, I hope to avoid going over any walls in a basket to escape a present danger. That would mean I'd have to write another book, and I don't have the time now. My short prayer is, "Lord, you know what I need." As with the Apostle Paul, "a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries."

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Meanwhile, in Liberia, the Ebola epidemic is raging, and the sights are horrendous—with bodies piling up in the street! The government has hired extra workers, increasing the burial teams from 7 to 54! Pastor Larque Vaye wrote:

"The situation here, Sis. Jane, is very scarring. What you hear from the western media is not what it is here. The death rate is very high. Today Rose and her niece went to the Island Clinic unit to look for the niece's son that is being treated there. More than two weeks we cannot get any information as to whether the child is dead or alive. What they saw there is beyond description. The unit that was built to take 120 persons is now taking more than 200 with more people being turned away daily to die at home. Only God can save us."



Ebola protection taught by the Ebola Awareness team at Calvary Baptist, Monrovia, Liberia. Rosaline Vaye in purple.

Folks who have no information are coming up with some outrageous conclusions because of lack of knowledge.

Since bodies are disposed of directly from the hospital, the rumor was started that the hospital folks were **eating** their loved ones! Our Baptist churches have begun Ebola Awareness Workshops to spread the knowledge about Ebola and its prevention. Pastor Larque Vaye and the team have gone out to several areas to hold these meetings in churches. Pastor Vaye's wife Rosaline (whom you helped send to Ghana last year for back surgery) is now teaching in the Ebola Awareness campaign. As funds come in, they provide bleach, buckets, plastic bags and protective gear. Some of you sent over \$500 toward this ministry last month. Thank you! Pray that through this outreach into the community many will receive Christ.

Pray for the USA. I think it's our judgment day for shamelessly flaunting rebellion against God's natural and written laws regarding marriage and killing 56 million babies, and we continue to let it happen! I wonder what the forefathers would recommend if they could be apprised of what's going on in our country with abortions. Well, we'll do what we can. "Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing, because he could only do a little."

Thanks again for all you do for this ministry.

Les Paul Zerle

P.S. I've been delayed one week due to bad weather here. We received 5" of snow last night. I may get to leave Fairbanks on October 8th.

SOURDOUGH SAM SEZ:

"No virus found in this message!"



P.P.S. Since penning this letter, Les and Tom Murray were able to take off and are now heading to visit friends and churches across the country on the way to North Carolina, then on to Brownsville, TX. From there they will fly through Mexico and Central America to Costa Rica. Tom's wife Kathy and I will be boarding a commercial flight on Oct 27th.

Our newly designed website is up www.farnorthflyingchaplain.com.

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