

Prayer Supporter Update for Bob and Karen Hamilton  
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"The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law." Deut. 29:29

Dear family and friends,

Our verse reminds us that God does not intend us to understand everything. I was encouraged by a sermon I listened to this morning while waking up. The speaker related a story in which he was trying to help his five-year-old daughter deal with the fact that, "life is not always fair, but we must always be sweet about it and we must always obey". We take comfort everyday knowing that God is in total control and has promised to meet all of our needs according to His riches. A week or so ago, we had decided that it would be nice to make a pizza for Friday night and watch a movie. The electrical power went out before the pizza was finished. As we sat down to enjoy the pizza, I asked the blessing and mentioned that it would be nice if God would turn the electrical power on for our movie, and He did!

#### **Praises:**

1. God continues to supply all of our needs including health and safety.
2. Tabby, Karen, and I are 2/3 of the way through a Bible study series on the Book of Revelation. We are doing the 31 lessons "Signs" study by Dr. David Jeremiah, and finding it very enjoyable and encouraging. We are also thankful for this time to learn together.
3. This past week, Lloyd and I made several flights to maintain our proficiency and keep the plane in good running order. My last flight was on March 17<sup>th</sup>. So I am very thankful for the opportunities and Lloyd's help in keeping my flying skills up. A couple of days ago I received a text message from the pastor I usually fly with each month to visit communities around Fonte Boa. We haven't ministered together since March and we both are looking forward to the day we can start again.

An interesting side note, during our last time ministering together, after one of the messages at one of the communities, the congregation was invited to ask questions. One man raised his hand and said, "I don't understand Revelation 12, can you please explain it to me?" Pastor Nem and I gave our best one-sentence answers off the top of our heads and said we would try to answer that question better next time. Well, today's lesson from Dr. David Jeremiah was about Revelation 12. ☺

#### **Current Prayer Requests:**

1. Again we are asking for prayer for our granddaughter, Tabby. She is very missed and needed at home. There is a possibility that she can travel with missionary friends the end of June. We are asking God to:
  - a. work out the details to allow the missionary couple to travel.
  - b. work out transportation by boat down the Amazon River for the over 500 miles to Manaus (the fast boats have not been running for a long time, and the slow boats are difficult to use for a number of reasons).
  - c. airline travel (flexible dates suggested) to San Paulo (4 flight hours in the wrong direction) and on to Fort Lauderdale, Florida (a 9-hour flight from San Paulo).
  - d. health (a fever or cough would likely result in a denial to board).
  - e. immigration (Tabby's 90 days have long expired), etc. We've been told that her expired visit date should be no problem.
2. This past week, my partner, Lloyd and I made the decision to take the Super Petrel out of service to comply with a mandatory inspection on the reduction gearbox. This inspection is required every 1000 hours of flight time, and we are at 985 hours. The reduction gearbox reduces the 5000+ rpm of engine to drive the propeller at nearly 2200 rpm. After our flight yesterday, we removed the reduction gearbox, and this morning, we packed it up to send to Manaus. It is a specialized inspection, and the mechanic that is to perform the inspection plans to arrive in Manaus on Monday. (This same mechanic had planned to arrive during April, but was unable due to the pandemic.) If our reduction gearbox arrives in Manaus on time, and the mechanic's travels go as planned and our gearbox checks out okay, we might get it back in about a week. If it needs any parts... So we are asking God to work out the details so we can comply with the inspection and continue to have reliable transportation for our ministries here.
3. During the upcoming days, we will be doing an inspection of the whole airplane which is required every 100 hours of flight time. We're requesting God's enablement that we see any items needing to be corrected and that we get everything back together in good shape.

As we end this update we are excited for the days ahead, and thankful for the lives God has given us here as we encourage others to trust, obey, and live the life God planned for each of His children. Thank you again for your interest in our ministries and your support prayerfully and financially which allows us to be here.

Serving Him together,  
Bob and Karen



Jimby has been a great blessing doing nearly all the grocery shopping



Tabby teaching English to Jimby and Jimby teaching Portuguese to Tabby



Jimby barbequed Peacock Bass for us.



Practicing with Lloyd on rough water. We are just taxing here at about 5mph.



Here is the reduction gearbox we sent in today for inspection.



Here is where the gearbox mounts onto the motor.