

On the Rhoads

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Brad and Susan Rhoads serving Christ worldwide with Mission Aviation Fellowship

Blessings & Requests

- Thank God for bringing our ministry support up to 73%
- Pray for safety and divine appointments for our trip south to KY, GA, SC and NC starting August 12th
- Pray that our support will be completed during September
- Join us in praising God and thanking Him for the honor of being part of His plan of salvation
- Pray for the pastors who attended the conference in Zambia, as they continue to study God's Word and disciple others

Equipping the Church in Zambia

A team from MAF Learning Technologies took part in hosting a major conference for 42 pastors and church leaders in Zambia. In this conference, pastors learned Oneness in Christ from Romans, Simply the Story (STS) oral Bible teaching, and how to use MP3 players for digital resource training. Each pastor received a 1GB MP3 player and a nice digital library of God's Story in



Zambian Church Leadership Conference



Pastors Receiving MP3 Training

the seven Zambian languages as well as many other oral training resources.

Follow-up training and help with starting a learning center has been requested from the Zambian leaders since the trip. It's so exciting to have opportunities to help train and empower church leadership in Zambia. And our Ministry Partners will be an important part of projects like these.

So . . . Where Are You Going?

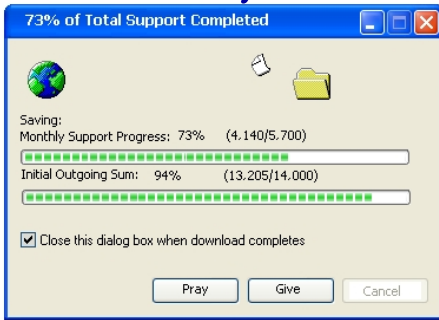
It seems that each time we share another story about the work God is doing through the Learning Technologies team, the confusion over where our family is going increases. So, we thought we would take a minute to clarify our plans.

Our prayer cards say, "Serving Christ Worldwide." And that is just what we do. When we complete this fund-raising phase of our ministry, our family will move to Nampa, Idaho, the headquarters of Mission Aviation Fellowship. From there, we will be working to meet the growing demand for training and discipleship of pastors and church leaders in the most isolated areas of the world.

In the coming months and years, we will share with you how the Learning Technologies team is partnering with other ministries to most effectively train and equip pastors in Thailand, Kenya, the Middle East and elsewhere. So, while the work we do touches the lives of leaders and their churches around the world, we will be living in Nampa, Idaho, about 20 minutes southwest of Boise.



When are you moving?



The other question often asked is, “When are you moving?” Before we can move, we need to have 100% of our ongoing support in place. We are currently at 73%. We need another 27% (\$1,500) to be finished. Our current prayer is that this goal will be met during the month of September and that our next letter will announce our move to Idaho. ANYTHING you can do on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis will make a big difference. And please pray for us. We do need financial support to get us to Idaho, but it’s your prayer support that will make us effective.

The Widow’s Might

Let us introduce you to our friend Gail. Gail is a retired teacher. Thanks in large part to her efforts, our ministry support increased by over 20% during the last month. Gail is an MAF Advocate. God put it on her heart to help MAF missionaries raise their support. Gail has volunteered to help us connect with others and share with them what God is doing through the Learning Technologies team.



Gail made herself available to God

In late June, Brad traveled to Florida where Gail had set up speaking engagements for him. In addition, Brad was able to visit with dear friends and family. He made 10 presentations in two weeks. God used Gail and her willingness to give what she had to bless this ministry. Thank you Gail!

Our Growing Family

We really are WAY too young to be grandparents, but through our foster children, God has blessed us with two grandsons, and one granddaughter is on the way.

Our son, David, is now 10 and our little Sarah will turn 4 next month. Please pray for us to be good parents for all of our kids.



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