

Mt. Kilimanjaro



## Blohm Flying News

Phil, EJ and sons  
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### AT THE HANGAR

“Houston, we have a problem!” So, Phil didn’t really say that, but that is what he meant when he pointed out twisted control cables in one of the Cessna 206’s wings. They’re not supposed to be twisted. Left alone, the twisted cables could eventually wear and cause serious damage. Everyone was grateful that the issue was discovered and repaired before it became a serious problem. No big fanfare, just all in a day’s work.

That’s the side of aviation maintenance that is so very important. One loose bolt could mean disaster. And in the African world, there is little margin for error for our pilots.

AIM AIR’s six airplanes keep the maintenance crew busy with inspections and repairs. With a base in Arua, Uganda and Lokichoggio, Kenya (far north), plus the main base in Nairobi, our airplanes build hours quickly, which prompts more inspections and repairs.

A missionary in South Sudan recently told us over dinner that he wouldn’t be able to stay there without planes... and that those who live north of him cannot get out safely without an airplane. Meeting the folks who use AIM AIR has really emphasized to us the importance of Phil’s role.



*Gaz, who is local artist, has become a friend at the market. He made each of us bracelets for New Years.*

### **SIX MONTHS IN AND DOING WELL!**

January 10 was our six month Kenyan anniversary! What a journey so far! As we welcomed a new missionary family into our neighborhood, we were amazed and encouraged by how much we really know and are now comfortable with!

We really do love our life here in Nairobi! Despite the challenges that come with it, we are adjusting well and learning our way around. EJ has become slightly more confident in driving and plans to keep moving towards independence.

The boys continue to play soccer with the neighbor boys; with Phil joining on occasion with other Kenyan dads. He is now included for estate meetings and discussions, which is a privilege. Who knows where these connections will lead us!

EJ has started meeting with SB, our peanut butter lady, to read the Bible and pray together. Much of the Bible is all new to her.



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**Support funds and vehicle fund donations** can be sent to **Africa Inland Mission PO Box 3611, Peachtree City, GA 30269.**

Enclose a note indicating what it is for. Online giving is available at [www.aimint.org/usa](http://www.aimint.org/usa) and click on Giving tab, then find our name. (clicking link will take you directly to our giving page)

**Personal cash gifts** for birthdays/Christmas etc. can be made out to us and sent to AIM address above or to our U.S. address, N4573 County Rd K, Weyauwega, WI 54983.



### Scripture to Ponder

John 14:6 Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father, except through me."

### PRAYER FOCUS

- The van fund is slowly growing! We are renting one until the owners return from the U.S.
- Relationships in our neighborhood to grow
- Balance between ministry, family, homeschool
- EJ's driving! Slowly by slowly it's coming along.
- Homesickness creeps in, we miss our families!
- Language learning continues...
- Phil has increased responsibility at hangar

### GRATEFULNESS

- Many of you sent Christmas cards! What a joy!
- We are growing more confident, which showed itself when we welcomed a new family to the community!
- Boys are making friends
- EJ and boys started attending a homeschool group, meeting Kenyan moms!
- Language learning continues...
- Opportunity for EJ to attend Ladies Retreat in February
- Michael turns 15 on Feb. 27!



**Hospitality 101!** The dining room table we purchased from a retiring missionary family looked way too big to me when I first saw it. What a blessing it has become! From overnight guests, to Christmas dinner, to neighbors and parties, to new folks on the block, or to babysitting so couples can have a date, our table has seen a multi-national plethora of faces around it. What a joy to serve in this way.



Ambosemi is known for its elephant herds, and we were not disappointed!

### FIRST SAFARI

Life in the big city of Nairobi is one of blessings and challenges. We have access to internet, doctors, mostly reliable electricity and water, modern conveniences, all kinds of foods (we even found Root Beer in cans for \$1.80 each!), and for the most part we feel safe.

We didn't realize how much we missed fresh air and wide open spaces until we traveled to Amboseli National Park in southern Kenya just before Christmas. Mt. Kilimanjaro, only 29 miles away in Tanzania, peeked its top out of the clouds for us a few times. Incredible scenery and wild animals invigorated us city dwellers! More pics are on Facebook and our blog, [www.blohmsinafrica.aimsites.com](http://www.blohmsinafrica.aimsites.com)



The underground water pipe across the street leaks. City workers dug up dirt, but the pipe is still buried. Weeks have gone by with no repairs. Our neighbor, whose wall this affects, was told not to touch it or she would be arrested. So, we all wait. In a place where water is precious, this is hard to see every day.