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Nigel

The Mercy Air team/family is made up of many different talented people, in number about 30 in total. Roles vary from Pilot to Pastor, Groundsman to Housekeeper, and my working day brings me into contact with everyone. In order to keep planes in the air and Missionaries cared for and housed; we have a team of people who support the weekly maintenance required for the farm. Sizzy and Petunia are the housekeeping team.



Moses, Vusi, Swenky & Osram

Swenky, the Induna (foreman), Vusi, Moses and Osram make up the groundsman team. While One of my jobs is to work alongside the guys and at the moment we are fitting sewerage and drainage. My role is not to be the boss, but to work alongside; guiding and mentoring. When I have slipped into 'boss mode', I realise there is much to learn from my colleagues, who have been on the farm some for many years. So I am never too old to learn new tricks!

Erin

The past month has sped by, and the expectation of 'more time to do stuff' has not been fulfilled. If anything, there seems to be just 'more to do', each day. But this is not a negative thing, just the reality of being here. **We had the joy** of Ruth coming to visit for 3 weeks and experienced the **heartache** that came after putting her on the bus back to Johannesburg airport, but this did not change the fact that it is so right to be here. It just illustrated part of the cost! The house is becoming more our home every day, and we are enjoying planning the space outside, including making a laundry area under the house. A major addition has been two posts from which we can suspend our hammocks; so now at the end of the day, we spend a half an hour catching up before sunset, (5.45 ish).

I work with the team at the Msholoji clinic each Thursday, which is emotionally and physically demanding. A place where each person comes with not only health issues, but also many social and financial issues. We follow this by meeting on Friday morning to discuss and pray about specific people and issues we have dealt with the previous day. **I am reminded** daily of the privilege we have of being here and being part of a Christian community who have the common desire to see Gods Kingdom grow.

Mercy Air

We are gradually finding our place in the Mercy Air community, and our week is shaped around our commitment to Monday morning Staff meeting (including Mission & Outreach reports, Operational Issues, general notices, and prayer) and the 7.30am Prayer Meeting for Mercy Air Future and Vision. A Christian book entitled 'Too Busy Not to Pray', reminds us that more and more we are called to this important task (of praying), and consequently, this is shaping our life more and more.

There is a lot happening with the staff team; some are preparing to take furlough (in USA & Germany) and will return, while others are working through their last months of their 'season' with MA and preparing to return home (New Zealand & USA) in the New Year. And some like us, have been here for less than a year and are growing in their roles and responsibilities (some of which is part of the succession planning for the leavers).



Networking day at Brits, in collaboration with Flying for Life, and MAF.

Prayer Points

- For the team I work with; that I would be open to learn new things,
- we can share our faith journey together
- that we continue to build The Mercy Air family together.

Prayer Points

- For Msholoji clinic; the team, the needs, the work and land for a permanent site
- For wisdom to prioritise jobs, and clarity about where I should concentrate effort

Prayer Points

- For the future vision for Mercy Air
- Rest and refreshment on furlough
- Peaceful planning for season ends

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All our love, Nigel & Erin