



After Action Report

By Rod Dixon

Military leaders have a practice of writing and submitting *After Action Reports* to provide their commanders with details of their combat engagements. This practice actually goes back much further to include the ministry reports of the Apostles returning from their mission trips as first recorded for us in Acts 14:26-28. After being sent out by the church, they returned and, "...began to report all that God had done...". I can do no less.

Through the support of friends and the gracious provision of the Lord, I traveled to Nairobi, Kenya on May 19, 2009 to meet and work with the team of missionaries from Africa Inland Mission's On Field Media (OFM) team. The purpose of the trip was to get acquainted, gather information, teach some workshops, shoot still photographs and contribute to the development and shooting of a video documenting the work of AIM Air. This video on missionary and humanitarian aviation will be presented and distributed at the world-famous air

Videotaping AIM Air operated DC-3 cargo plane practicing short-field landings and takeoffs in Magadi, Kenya located South West of Nairobi (look it up on Google Maps - Satellite view).

show in Oshkosh, Wisconsin in late July of this year. AIM Air operates some 30 aircraft in support of missionaries bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to very remote areas of East and Central Africa. These aircraft support church planting, literacy programs, agricultural and water development, rural healthcare and humanitarian relief activities. It is stories like these that I am dedicated to bringing back to the church through *Daylight Media Ministries*.

We had a rich time of fellowship and sharing with the OFM team as I taught several media related workshops. I am sure I learned as much from them as they did from me. These talented missionaries are working with limited resources, but are producing very compelling reports of God's work in and through His servants there. Go to <http://www.aim-ofm.org> and click on their "Film" links to see examples of what they are doing. I came away with a deepened commitment to do what I can to help support their efforts.





"Tattoo Man" (my new African nickname) telling the Gospel story from my tattoo in a Nairobi Market. This happened several times that day and frequently as we moved about the city.

Next Steps

I have been contemplating and praying about my observations and seeking direction since returning home. My initial reaction was to sell everything and go back to Nairobi full time. Of course I needed to discuss this with my bride, but the opportunity there is very compelling. After further consideration, I have concluded that for now, I could be of more help to the team from here in the states. There are tentative plans for taking on a project back in Africa this fall. I am taking steps to secure non-profit status for *Daylight Media Ministries*, so please pray about that.

Media Team Needs

The OFM team in Nairobi has several needs that we would like to help with, so we are taking steps to raise funds to help provide them with additional resources that will enable them to be more effective in their work. 100% of the donations designated for OFM will go directly to their work.

Electrical power is something we take for granted here, but in Nairobi, it is less certain. This creates challenges when editing video. As a backup, they need a 5,000 Watt generator capable of producing 50Hz 230 volt power - estimated cost \$1,500.

Hardware & Software:

- Final Cut Studio Pro 2 - need two licenses at \$1,299 each.
- Final Cut Server ten client license - \$999.
- Aperture 2 - need two at \$199.
- iMac - 24 inch 3.06GHz Intel Core 2 Duo 8GB 1066MHz DDR3 SDRAM - 2x4GB, 1.0TB Serial ATA Drive, NVIDIA GeForce GT 120 256MB - one at \$3,000
- PIXMA Pro9000 Mark II photo printer, ink and paper - estimated at \$1,500.

Total Current Needs:
Approximately \$10,000



OFM team member Mike Delorenzo shooting for the AIM Air video project in Magadi.

Prayer Requests

That God would remove barriers.

The wind and waves made the going tough for Peter. Ask God to calm the storm for us.

That we would faithfully discern God's leading.

Peter first asked Jesus to "command me to come". Ask God to make the way clear.

That God would provide me with work in the interim.

Jesus didn't calm the storm till they were both safely back in the boat. For the unseasoned, this may seem like a bad time to get out of the boat to start a ministry, but we will trust and obey the Lord in these uncertain times.

That my gifts and talents would be fully dedicated to God's work.

Even the most gifted among us can accomplish more when depending on God.

If You Can Help

Pray of course, but we also have travel and equipment expenses for upcoming trips. Funds are also needed for legal and professional fees associated with the formation of *Daylight Media Ministries*. In the meantime, make your tax deductible check payable to:

Faithful Friend*
Attn: Rod Dixon
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*Until we form our own non-profit, we will be partnering with Faithful Friend so we can issue tax receipts for your donations.