

Redmond Family Donates Cessna 180 to Work of the Lord



Former Airline Pilot **Tom Redmond** and his wife Mary have donated their personal airplane to *Shekinah Ministries* for use in the jail and prison ministries, and to *Shine On Mexico* for use in flying in and out of Mexico. At far left is Tom Redmond with SOM Director Rob Cole and Missionary Timothy Alm. As seen in the photo above, the Cessna 180 has a very large cargo capacity, as well as room for a pilot and three passengers.

“We Not Only Get a Beautifully Maintained Aircraft, We Get a Highly Experienced Pilot”

Rob Cole, SOM executive director, and Larry Haag, *Shekinah Ministries* executive director, jointly announced the late-December donation of the Cessna 180 to Shekinah and SOM.

SOM leader Mike Jinnette, himself a long-time private pilot, did a 14-page Cost/Benefit Analysis of the proposed *Shekinah Aviation Ministry* at the request of the two directors: “The Redmond gift offers Shekinah a significant opportunity to expand prison ministry to parts of the state that haven’t been practical to reach from Longmont.

“Shine On Mexico volunteers will be able to spend more time in Mexico, and leaders of the ministry will be able to at least triple their visits to Mexican pastors and ministry directors.”

Rob Cole pointed out that, “A nine-day mission trip involves one day of packing, and four days of driving, which then leaves just four days for ministry, and everyone coming back

home too tired to unpack. With this airplane, we can bring people and their supplies in and out, three at a time, giving everyone at least seven full days of ministry, and some rest time.”

Shekinah Director Brett Burrough noted that an African ministry he is personally acquainted with has established over 7,000 churches; many in remote areas. “This African ministry would not exist without an airplane. I couldn’t be more enthused about our new plane, as it will bring the Gospel in new ways to under-reached people in remote regions of Mexico.”

A plane will also open doors into prisons that we can’t minister to now because of the distances involved. And volunteers will no longer lose a day’s pay when Friday travel is necessary.

Mike Jinnette’s Report Summary

Longmont’s Tom Redmond has financially supported *Shekinah* and *Shine On Mexico* for many years. The former U.S. Marine fighter pilot has now added the blessing of a very valuable airplane. Further, he will remain on board for a full year to serve as a pilot and to help us launch a responsible and safe aviation ministry linked to many other ministries.

Mission aviation has been in existence for over 50 years. But organizations who are operating in Mexico are limited. One is United Indian Missions Aviation (UIM), headquartered in Tucson, AZ. We have used them twice: For an emergency medical evacuation, and to carry a very busy speaker to a pastors conference in a remote region of the *Sierra Madre*.

Obviously, because they are based in Tucson, UIM is an expensive alternative compared to the benefit of having an airplane based locally.

To be sure, there are costs associated with this gift, but savings will offset many of the costs. Additionally, the value of the airplane is more than sufficient to cover the expenses incurred should we at some point find it necessary to sell it.

As an example of savings; a two-day trip to the Rifle prison will cost \$78.31, split three ways. The savings in hotel, auto and meal costs to the team is estimated at \$130. And travel time is cut to 2 1/2 hrs. Anyone wanting the full report should call the office.

Kate Bertuglia Reports from the Field

Mexican Government Honors Teen Challenge Ministries in Juarez

Earlier this month we all loaded up and went to see Elena Porras (founder of Reto a la Juventud) receive the highest honor the government gives annually for outstanding community service. The president (governor) of Chihuahua State presented a beautiful plaque after they played a very nice video covering the bountiful work that God has been doing through Elena and Reto. It was all very official, with the color guard marching band, everybody standing and saluting and singing the Mexican national anthem... very impressive.

Later that night, Channel 44 News aired a 20-minute film about Reto, with a few testimonies from girls who completed the program. This led to a family showing up at our mission the very next morning with their wayward daughter, praise God!

Elena and her assistant Letty were asked to meet with the government officials again a few days later. They have decided to give us the much-needed money to build our sewing class-

room and the long-awaited storage building as well! I just about fell over this morning after working all night, when I heard the news. Elena couldn't wait to tell everyone.

Also (yes, there's more) Gama & Alex, (director and wife of the *National Teen Challenge Mexico*) were here for the ceremony. On the personal side, they want me to complete some tasks to make my presence official, and submit my curriculum, photos, identification copy, letter of recommendation from my pastor...etc. Then they want to help make sure we have everything we need to supply our new classroom!

The building funding began this month, and I need to turn in my documents and such in February.

Let's thank the Lord for His mighty power and great plan to reach more girls for His kingdom! Oh, did I just say girls? *Wednesday night was the grand opening of the new Teen Challenge for men at "Reto Chico," that little space above Reto's office in downtown Juarez where it all started.*

There could be no better time for a mighty move of God. The need is great and the workers are few. But, there is great revival in the air.

Firmly in His grip, Kate



Above: A Shine On Mexico missions team visited the 'downtown' offices of *Reto a la Juventud* last year. This building was the birthplace of the ministry founded by Elena de Porras (pink sweater) 27 years ago. A much larger facility for girls and women was subsequently opened in *Tierra Nueva* (just east of Juarez) and Elena announced just this month the opening of a Teen Challenge center, called *Reto Chico*, for boys and men at the downtown Juarez facility. Elena has asked us to pray for the new men's center and to consider ways in which we might be able to help make it into the same astounding success that has been achieved at the women's center!



Elena Porras in file photo with a student/helper.

Calling All Women's Groups

How's this for an idea? Why not schedule a coffee or tea social, or Bible Study, at the *Our Father's World* facility in Longmont. While here, you can tour the marvelous store assembled brilliantly by Colene Burrough, and visit the Shine On Mexico office as well. Others have done it and loved it. Call 303-709-0177 to reserve.



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