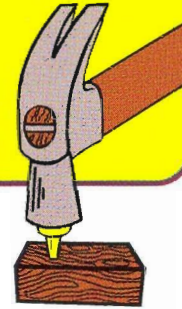


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Flying Start?

In 1993 Bruce Poidevin, who is commended from the assemblies in Canada, began CMML Flight Services. Bruce & Marilyn had served the Lord for 10 years in Chitokoloki in Zambia and had become acutely aware of the need of an air flight service to assist the missionaries and their families. In 1990 they moved to Kalene and again were convicted of the need of an air service.

The distances travelled by missionaries and their children to the rural communities they serve are immense, the road conditions are dreadful and the danger of road travel, due to banditry, has become an increasing problem. In 1993 CMML Flight Services was born.

Since then they have had a lot of ongoing work to provide the necessary support facilities, but they now need to build a hangar to comply with aviation authority regulations which state that they need a recognized servicing facility for the plane. We have been able to help with the technical advice on the design and the collection of building materials.

In December 1995 Colin McMullen from N. Ireland, a volunteer who has been on several projects previously, went out to set out the building and prepare the foundations. In January 1996 he was joined for 10 weeks by Brian Nurse, Paul Hannay and Jim Smith. They undertook construction of the brickwork and the installation of the door and window frames.

The hangar is a large structure 60m x 64m, involving 184,000 bricks, a lot of brickwork! Whilst there the men were also able to help in general hospital maintenance which is never ending as you can imagine.

Before they left the brickwork had been taken up to the eaves. Colin McMullen then stayed on to assist with the hospital maintenance and the supervision of the ongoing building of the hangar as funds become available to CMML Flight Services.

