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JULY '09 "FLYER"

Bien Hecho en Ecuador



“Well-built in Ecuador,” declares the side of the four-seat Zenith 801 as it revs its engine at the airport in Shell, Ecuador. The kit plane, 1 of 3 recently completed by our airplane shop in Ecuador, is the first airplane in the history of their country to be built as an enterprise. The “Preacher Pilot Planes” are part of our program to produce transport vehicles that are affordable, easy to fly & maintain.

Flying over Barriers

Steve Saint explains that ministry aviation has historically been expensive and has become increasingly more complicated to operate and maintain. The Zenith planes are easy enough to fly that the operator needn't be a professional pilot. Also, much of the maintenance can be done without the need of any specialized professional mechanics. These utility aircraft can get in and out of the shortest, roughest airstrips while costing less than half the price of other planes the same size. The Zenith airplanes are ideal tools to put indigenous believers into the driver's seat, where they belong. We have been praying for God to open a door of opportunity- Is He answering? Read on...

Presidential Recognition



The President of Ecuador, Rafael Correa (dressed in white) brought an entourage to the Shell Airstrip June 20th to examine the newly finished Zenith 801 airplane. The President and the Ecuadorian government are discussing the kit built planes as potentially being Ecuador's first certified airplane. This huge increase in demand will also allow the planes to be more accessible and available to preacher pilots and small Christian ministries. The President, who flew from Quito to Shell to view the airplane spoke for his country when he said, “This is what we need.”

Maverick Line Socks



While Troy Townsend examines the two-ply Parachute wing's response to a light breeze (above), Deron Weaver raises the black fabric line socks he designed. The socks sheath the parachute lines in light wind situations, and prevent them from getting snagged on the Maverick's propeller or chassis.

Intern(ment?)



It is becoming a common sight at I-Tec to have interns coming and interns going. At press time, we have three interns working with us. Deron Weaver, a fourth year Engineering student from Letourneau University, arrived in early June. He was one of the Letourneau students who came during spring break and is helping us with the line socks / chute deployment system. Jonathan and Justin Dersch also intern part time.

Stanley "Tools"



In early June, Stanley Kokkinakos came to Florida to visit Barry Williams for a month. Barry, working on the 701 project, is volunteering at I-Tec three days a week, so he started bringing Stan along.

Dental Research Project

The June Flyer described an evaluation of mPower's dental training program. Their results are still being completed. More later.

The 701 Takes Flight



Barry, Steve, Jesse, and Troy compare notes in early June after Steve's first test flight in the new Zenith 701. The pilots are pushing the plane to its limits. (please pray)

Parting Thought

Financially, our ministry is in need. Please consider partnering with us by financially contributing to our ministry. Our address is below. Please call us with any questions. -Mark

This ministry is made possible by the faithful support of God's people.

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Behind the "Seens"



I-Tec staff and volunteers gathered together for a time of prayer. We discussed I-Tec's past (13 years of service), contemplated our present, and prayed about our future. Steve (far right) led the meeting as we prepared to press on for Christ.