

# 2025 AIM AIR ANNUAL REPORT

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We fly so missionaries can

**REST ASSURED**

**STAY FOCUSED**

**GO THE DISTANCE**



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## FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

*JERRY HURD*

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This marks AIM AIR's fifth annual report—and my final one as General Manager. In March 2026, I will step down from this role, and in June, our family will relocate to the U.S. It's a bittersweet transition. I feel the weight of leaving a role I've loved deeply, and yet I trust God's timing and provision for both AIM AIR and my family.

When I accepted this role in February 2020, I did so reluctantly—after initially saying no, then being asked to pray. Just weeks later, the world was hit by COVID-19. I had a front-row seat to watch God provide for AIM AIR amid global uncertainty. Over the past five years—and truly, over the past 50 years—God has used this under-resourced, thinly-stretched organization to bring His hope to some of the most forgotten places on earth.

AIM AIR has always been more than aviation. Our team has always eagerly hung up their white pilot shirts and assisted teachers, pastors, and doctors—doing whatever it takes to support the Church. We've flown supplies to congregations enduring persecution and oppression, and we've partnered with flourishing churches ready to share the goodness of the Gospel across borders.

This past year, we began a major restoration project on one of our oldest aircraft—a Cessna Caravan purchased in 2003 after surviving a windstorm. It was restored then, with wings that AIM AIR helped remove from a similar airplane in southern Sudan. We purchased the restored airplane for a bargain. Now it has flown 14,000 additional hours as part of our ministry, and it is due for a complete teardown. We debated outsourcing the work, but our team chose to do it in-house, building tools from scratch, reverse-engineering solutions, and deepening their understanding of the aircraft. This decision not only saved costs but built future capacity and strengthened our relationships within Kenya's aviation industry.

Watching this restoration unfold gave me a powerful metaphor for AIM AIR—and for my own journey. Like the stripped-down aircraft, I've felt exposed, inadequate, and uncertain at times. But restoration often begins in brokenness. It's uncomfortable, slow, and sometimes painful. Yet it's necessary, and, like Job, Joseph, and Nebuchadnezzar, it is how God chooses to work.

In the places we fly, restoration is happening too. In South Sudan, we've helped reach nine new people groups over the past decade—some of whom were once targeted by extremist groups. Today, they're asking to learn the way of Jesus. In other regions, we've flown food to communities cut off for weeks, or evacuated missionaries in danger. God continues to use AIM AIR to bring healing, hope, and the Gospel.

This year's report highlights two of our strategic initiatives: Reducing Financial Obstacles and Developing a Healthy Team. But we're also pressing forward in our other two initiatives: Shifting Our Center of Gravity—by strengthening our operational presence closer to the frontlines, especially in Arua—and Collaborating Generously—by building partnerships across cultures, denominations, and organizations.

As you read through this report, you'll see numbers that may feel daunting and challenges that seem overwhelming. But you'll also see stories of God's faithfulness—through flights, through people, and through you. Your prayers, generosity, and encouragement fuel this ministry. You are part of the restoration.

It's been a joy to serve in this role. I look forward to staying in touch with many of you as Jesus continues to restore, renew, and send AIM AIR forward into the next 50 years.

With gratitude,

**JERRY HURD**  
General Manager



Top Left: AIM AIR personnel attend various conferences throughout the year for the Mabawa ya Injili initiative. Our goal of partnering with African churches to help them support their missionaries is becoming a reality.

Top Right: AIM AIR recently partnered with multiple Kenyan organizations, bringing doctors to Ngu-runit, for a large medical outreach clinic.

Bottom Left: Rendille women inspect our Cessna 206 as it prepares to take the Pokot church leaders back home. This marked the first time they were flown from Pokot to visit and learn from the Rendille church.

Bottom Right: Daniel Miller gives a training class on the importance of proper pin crimping for electrical connectors, within our aircraft.

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New Initiatives

# REDUCING FINANCIAL BARRIERS

As the global missions movement grows, more Gospel messengers now come from countries that were once considered mission fields. Many serve with limited financial backing, making the cost of flights a significant barrier. At the same time, AIM AIR faces rising operational costs—driven by inflation, slower shipping, and increased regulatory pressure as Kenya seeks to maintain international aviation standards.

**“For every 48 cents given to Strategic Flights and Development, a Kingdom builder flies one more nautical mile.**

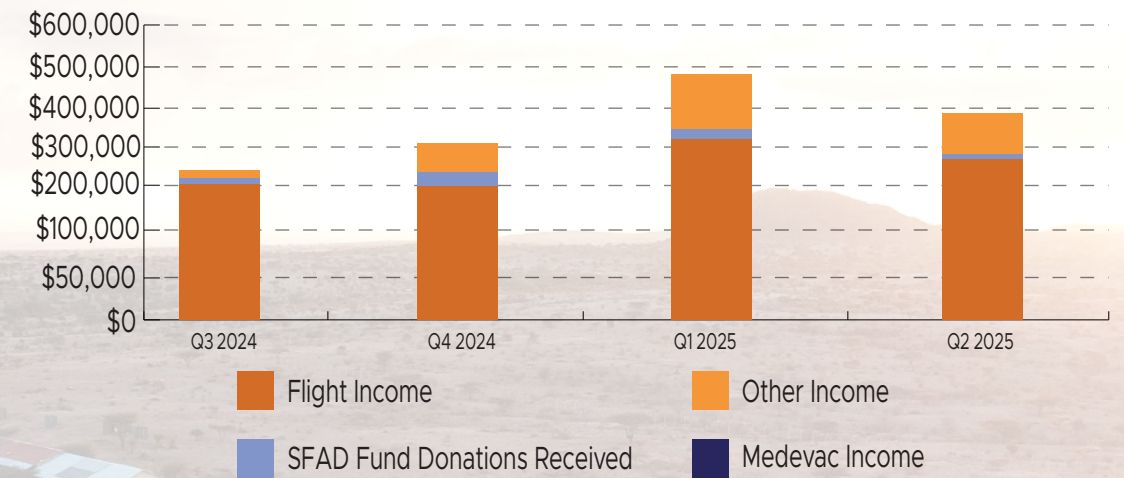
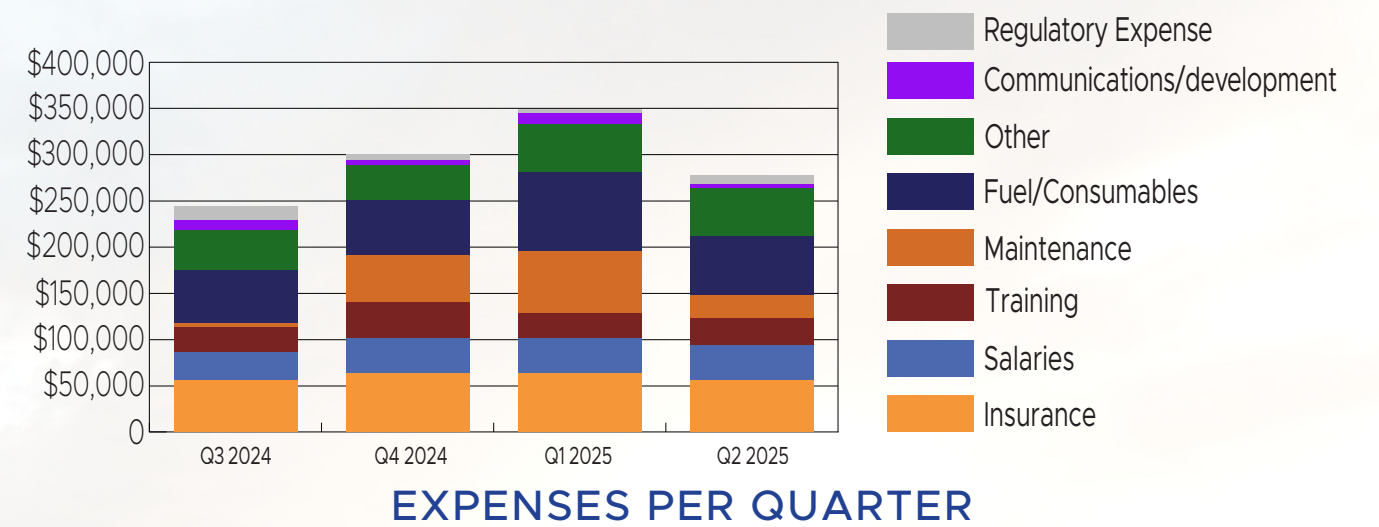
**Your generosity fuels the mission.”**

In 2025, we absorbed many of these costs through the Strategic Flights and Development Fund, rather than passing them on to the missionaries we serve. This fund helps subsidize flights for Gospel workers serving

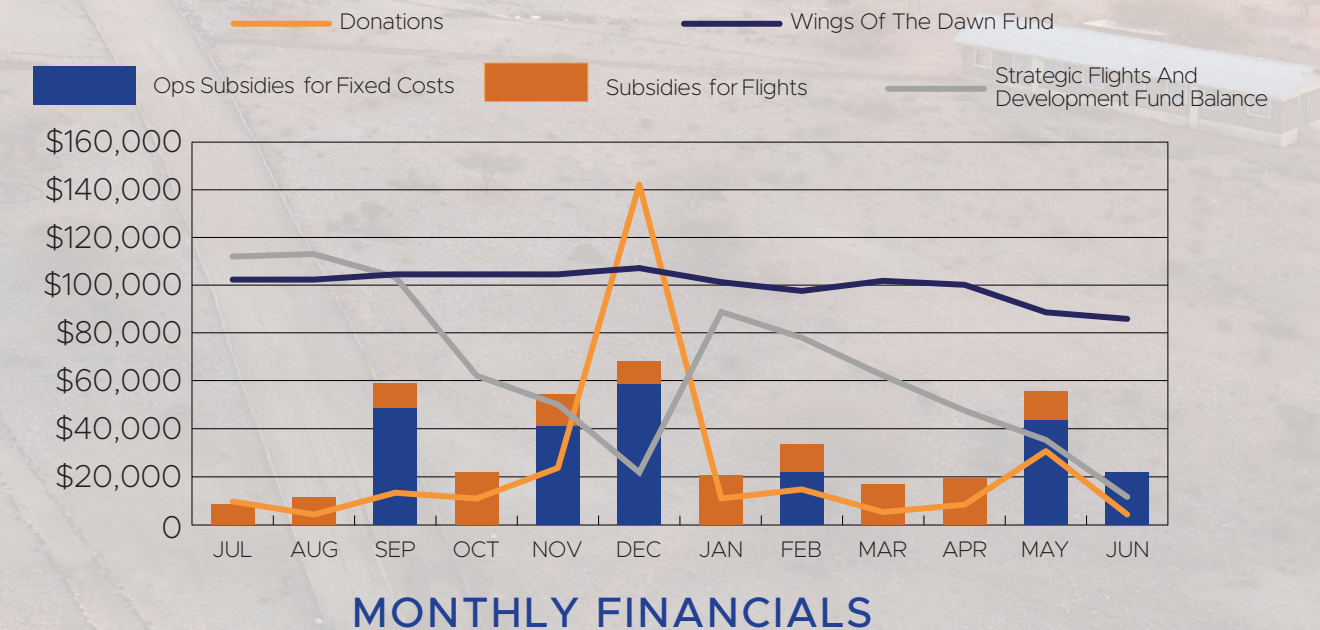
among the least reached and most vulnerable communities. It also covers essential overheads—training pilots and maintenance personnel, insuring our fleet, and maintaining safety systems and subscriptions.

One powerful example is the AIC Fellowship Church, which supported Robert and Carol Bett in South Sudan for eight years. Only this year, thanks to a subsidized flight, church members visited them for the first time. That visit sparked deeper advocacy and understanding within the congregation—especially among those who now grasp the realities of life and ministry in remote areas.

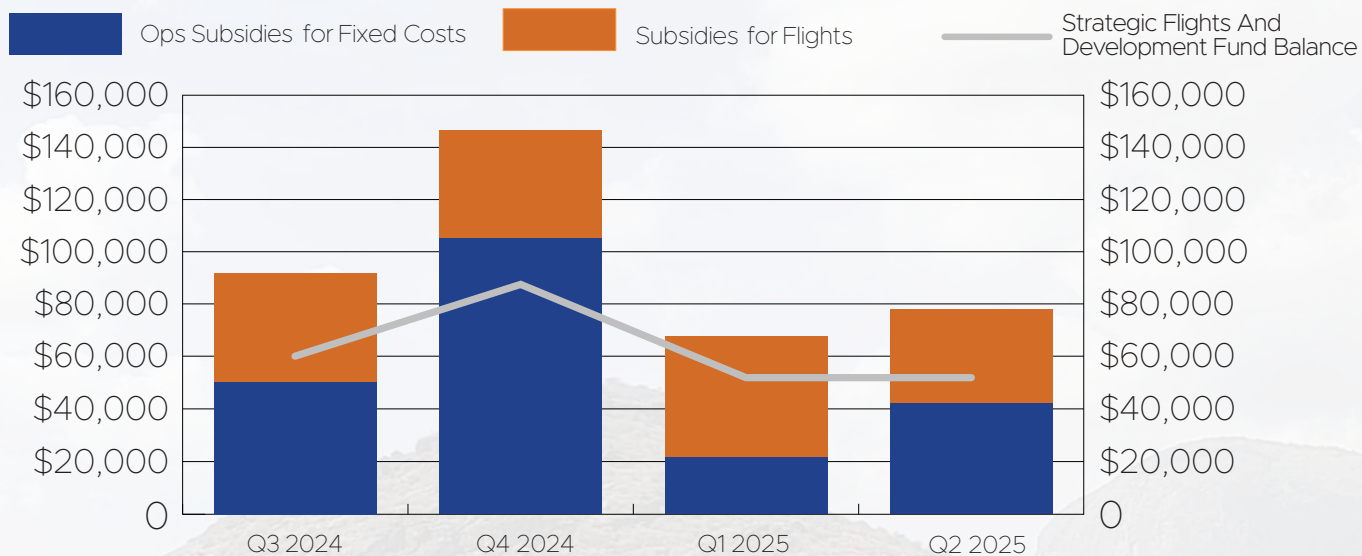
We also use Wings of the Dawn to provide emergency medical transport at reduced rates—often for missionaries and communities with no access to healthcare. These flights have led to long-term spiritual impact, with families joining church gatherings after experiencing Christ’s love through aviation.



## INCOME PER QUARTER



## MONTHLY FINANCIALS



FLIGHT SUBSIDIES PER QUARTER

## New Initiatives

# DEVELOPING A HEALTHY TEAM

Behind every flight and every repaired aircraft stands a team of highly skilled individuals—pilots, engineers, and operations staff—serving in remote, high-pressure environments. These technical professionals face not only complex tasks but also the emotional weight of cross-cultural life and ministry. To thrive, they need more than tools and training—they need care.

***“If you want to go fast, go alone.  
If you want to go far, go  
together. When we fuel the  
people who serve, we fly  
farther.”***

The time is now for a Pastoral Care team member to join our team. This would be someone with spiritual maturity and life experience, who can walk alongside

our team with wisdom and compassion. This person would lead devotions, organize prayer days, facilitate team retreats and spiritual life conferences, and disciple our Kenyan and Ugandan staff. They would celebrate birthdays, share meals with families, and offer a listening ear to missionaries overwhelmed by the demands of life and ministry.

We envision someone who feels like a spiritual grandparent—steady, safe, and deeply rooted in Christ. Someone who nurtures our children, encourages our staff, and helps our multicultural team grow in unity and resilience.

Healthy teams don't just happen—they're cultivated. As AIM AIR grows, we must care for the hearts of those who serve the mission.

If you—or someone you know—feels called to serve in this way, we invite you to reach out. Your presence could make a lasting impact.

Top Left: Doctors resupply a medical clinic in Nyamliell, South Sudan, with medicines brought by AIM AIR pilots.



Top Right: AIM AIR is working to partner with African churches and pastors to ensure indigenous missionaries are well supported.



Bottom Left: As we partner with African churches to provide multi-day Safari flights to remote areas, pray that pastors and congregations will catch the passion and vision for reaching the unreached.



Bottom Right: Local pastors and church leaders meet in Obo, CAR. Teachers from DRC flew in to encourage and teach.



# THE NEXT 50 YEARS

The mission of AIM AIR grows and expands in beautiful, unexpected ways. While Western missionary numbers decline, the global Church rises with boldness and unity. AIM AIR now flies for Kenyan missionaries in South Sudan, Brazilian and Hong Kong team members in northern Kenya, and in 2025, we welcomed our first Australian pilot.

God is calling His people from every corner of the world, and we stand ready to serve them, and serve alongside them.

***“The mission hasn't changed.  
The messengers have. And AIM  
AIR is ready to serve them all.”***

We see more Christian indigenous non-profits, mission-driven businesses, and smaller missionary

organizations stepping into the field. These partners bring deep conviction and local insight, even when resources are limited. AIM AIR commits to staying available and affordable - focused on their success.

The African Church continues to grow in influence and complexity. Some churches lead with strength; others need discipleship, encouragement, and access. We walk alongside both—lifting, equipping, and flying them forward.

Aircraft remain essential. Roads crumble, conflict simmers, and isolation persists. We fly where others cannot, bringing peace of mind and practical support to those who carry the Gospel into hard places.

As we enter the next 50 years, we invite you to join us. Your prayers sustain us. Your generosity fuels us. Your voice helps us tell the story of God's messengers who still need a lifeline.

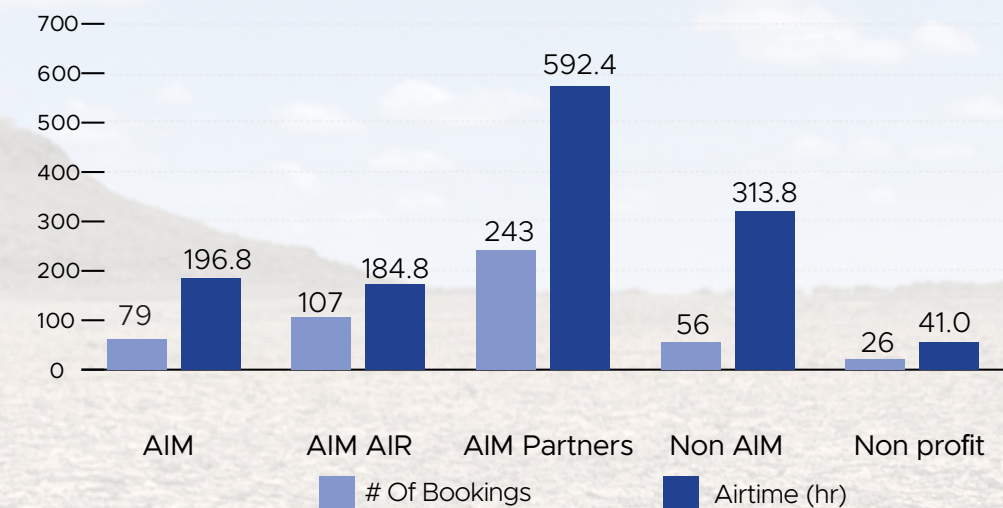
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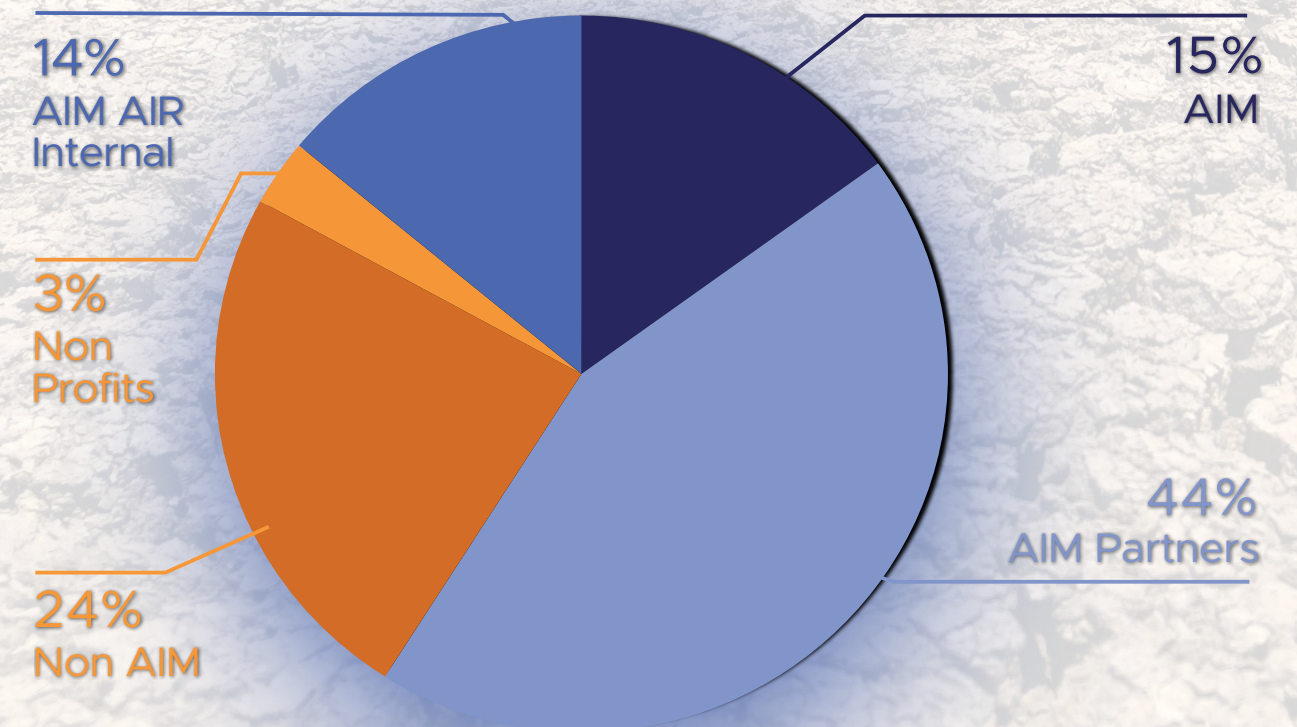
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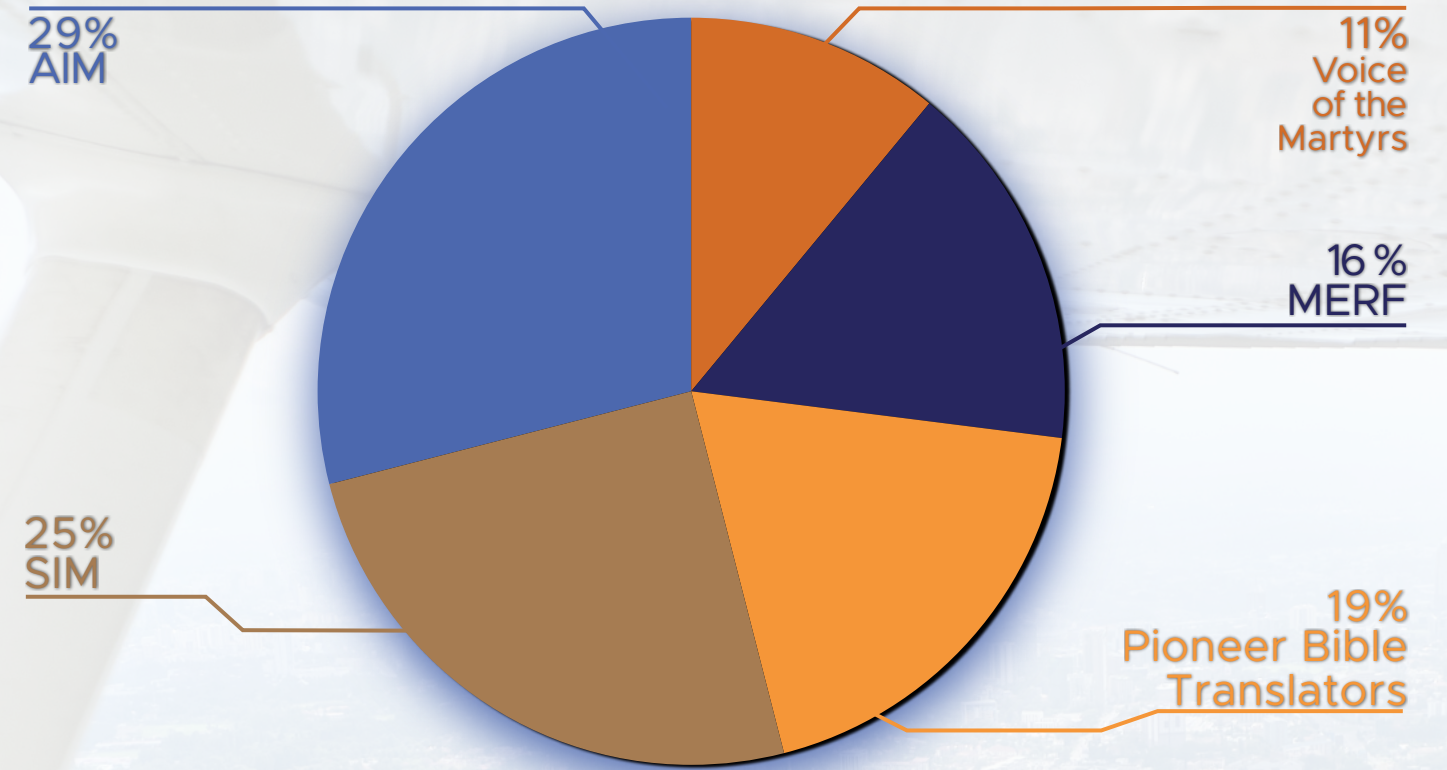
Each flight hour saves a missionary one day of travel. The alternative? Each day of travel by road or on paths risks running into bandits, car problems in the middle of nowhere waiting sometimes for more than 12 hours for assistance. The cost is high on vehicles and especially on families who graciously endure the strain and uncertainty of risky travel. These flight hours are not just saving time, they are also reducing wear and tear on bodies and minds.



## TOTAL HOURS FLOWN



**“ Across Central Africa, rebels and militias make road travel increasingly dangerous, but God’s kingdom continues to expand.**



## TOP 5 MINISTRY PARTNERS HOURS FLOWN

MILES  
FLOWN

**169,704**

Over some of the most inhospitable terrain on Earth. This includes swampland, one of the densest rainforests in the world, extremely dry (and hot) deserts. The flights connect a remote unreached people to the rest of the Church. These are people unfamiliar with who Jesus is.

PASSENGERS  
CARRIED

**1,616**

POUNDS OF  
SUPPLIES  
DELIVERED

**300,539**

You made it possible for Christian medical teams to safely reach the neediest communities, for missionaries to travel and live among unreached peoples, for the South Sudan church to send trauma counselors to refugees fleeing Sudan, and for tons of critical supplies to reach the persecuted church. Because of your generosity, we also carried doctors, nurses, pastoral trainers, counselors, electricians, technicians, evangelists, and church members on their very first visit to a ministry they support.

Some supplies are exciting - medicines for a rural clinic, tools for a building project or a water project. Other times it is bags of cement, or rice, or beans. The most exciting cargo are audio Bibles, scriptures translated into the region we are flying to, or songbooks for a new church meeting under a tree.

While these statistics show what we have been able to do in the past year, our goal and prayer has been “God, what are You doing and where are You moving? Help us be available to serve You, your kingdom and our fellow brothers and sisters in ministry?” Our hope is that in this next year, and the years to come, that God will enable us to do more for His kingdom and those who seek to bring the Gospel to those who need it. Only through your generosity can AIM AIR remain available and affordable for missionaries and pastors serving in remote dangerous places. **Thank you for being their lifeline!**



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