



April 29, 2019

30 days since the engine issue near Port au Prince, Haiti
Agape Aircraft and Funding Update

The Embraer: is still undergoing planned maintenance – Unfortunately, the painting process is taking longer than expected, more than 2 weeks later than projected by the vendor. The hot section on one engine has been completed and Greg, Agape’s Director of Maintenance, is expected to hang the engine just as soon as the plane’s new paint finish is completed. Our hope is for the Embraer to resume mission flights on May 9.

The Chieftain: Following the March 29 incident with the Chieftain’s engine, Director of Maintenance, Greg Haman, flew to Port au Prince, Haiti to remove the damaged engine and prepare it for transport back to Agape’s hangar.

During the week of April 15th the Chieftain’s engine was torn down and inspected; Agape’s maintenance team found worn gears had caused the failure of the engine. Based on prior regular maintenance inspections, there were no visible or performance indications that gear failure was imminent.

Following the engine tear down, some parts were sent out for further inspection and repair at offsite repair facilities. Simultaneously, Agape’s maintenance team continues engine repairs at the Agape hangar. Once the engine is rebuilt, two Agape mechanics will fly to Port au Prince to hang the engine and fly back to Venice.

We do not expect the Chieftain to be back in operation until the end of May.

The estimated costs associated with preliminary plans to repair the Chieftain: \$25,000

Normal logistics, cargo processing and flights are severely disrupted. Agape mechanics, and missionary services personnel have all worked extended hours, however staff compensation is not based on hourly rates.

During this critical time, we are grateful for the partnership of Missionary Flights International (MFI) in Fort Pierce, Florida and their willingness to *deliver limited cargo* to some of Agape’s service locations as well as a corporate aircraft and pilot who helped deliver 1200 pounds of supplies and mail.

We are confident that Agape Flights donors will respond to a matching gift opportunity to help cover this non budgeted engine repair expense. Even after planning well, the unexpected happens.

