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It arrived Tuesday night.

The new plane is one of three operated in Central America by the "Wings of Hope" organization which was conceived and founded by Dallasite George Haddaway, publisher of Flight Magazine.

Now, with organization headquarters in St. Louis, "Wings of Hope," with Haddaway as its guiding spirit, has planes volunteer crews flying medical mercy missions in Africa, South and Central America and New Guinea.

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