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to hear  
from YOU!



## GOD IS SOVEREIGN >>

He sometimes leads in mysterious ways, but that is when we know for sure that it is His hand. In December we received a phone call from a representative from New Tribes Mission Aviation. He broke the news to us that we would not be invited to attend the technical evaluation offered this January. We had been looking forward all year to spending this week at their aviation training facility in Arizona—a week where they not only evaluate Jamin’s pilot and mechanic skills, but also a time in which we can discover more about the organization and if we will be a good fit for each other.

New Tribes is in a time of transition, and some of the changes include a somewhat reduced aviation program. They are only in need of two new pilots per year, and with four pilot/mechanics already attending the evaluation, all with more experience than Jamin, he simply would not have stood a chance at obtaining one of those two spots. The representative encouraged us to look forward to the possibility of coming to next year’s evaluation or to look into other opportunities.

We are not certain whether the Lord is telling us to wait, or to change direction. For now, we are in much prayer for His guidance and are exploring other options as we wait. Please pray for much wisdom as we seek out the Lord’s will, and for patience to see His hand.

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## OTHER CHANGES >>

Compass Aviation Ministries is also going through a transition right now, from being partly support-based to fully support-based; a transition that began two years ago. As of this month, those of us serving full-time with Compass will be relying on the Lord to provide complete support for our needs. This allows us the freedom to work on missionary aircraft.

**1** This is how it works:  
A missionary organization has an airplane that needs major overhauls.

**2** They ship it in a crate to the shop here in Shelby.

**3** Compass staff and missionary candidates work on the airplane free of labor charge while the missionary organization only pays parts and shipping.



This is an obvious benefit to the missionary organizations, but it also benefits the missionary candidates at Compass because they are able to acquire experience working on the actual planes they will be working on in the field. Please pray for all of the staff at Compass as we all step out together in faith for God’s provision. We are excited to see His hand at work.



# Jamin is a commercial pilot!

At long last, we have completed all of the qualifications set by mission aviation agencies. They require potential missionary pilot/mechanics to have their private pilot's license, to which they must add an instrument rating. In addition to this, they must have further training to be licensed to carry passengers commercially. When we came to Compass, Jamin had his private and instrument rating. He began his commercial instructor from nearby MAI (Mission Aviation Institute). Various factors delayed his training several times. Through it all, we knew that God allowed each of those delays, making the timing of all our steps perfect.

Several attempts were made to schedule a checkride (a final test) with an FAA examiner, but all fell through because of weather, or the holidays, or mechanical issues with the plane. We are certain that these "delays" were all in God's plan to give Jamin a sympathetic examiner, perfect weather, and an airplane in great working condition. On January 13th, he became a certified commercial pilot. Praise God: we trust that "by His power he [will] fulfill every good purpose of [ours] and every act prompted by [our] faith."

Thank each one of you who prayed for all the details of this training to come together. We are encouraged to see progress toward the goal of serving Christ with an airplane overseas!



Jaren (10 months) is our little electrician. He has a dangerous fascination with power-cords, which keeps us on our toes! He is wearing out the knees on his pants by crawling so much, magically appearing in a different room seconds after you set him down. He's learning to defend himself against Esther's enthusiasm with calm, firm tugs on her hair. He is very mechanical, wanting to figure out how things work, how they break, and how they taste. He loves to bounce to music and happily gives out smiles to whoever gives him attention.



Esther is very independent and loves to question authority, receiving well-deserved swats on the behind. She's a night owl and a social butterfly, staying up late talking to herself and her teddy-bears long after devotions and her good-night kiss. She enjoys singing, and is becoming very good at it, singing almost any phrase to the tune of Jesus loves me (like Thank-you, thanks). She occasionally gets carsick on longer car rides, but other than that does very well as we travel to various chapels, which is why she considers it normal to socialize with complete strangers, both at church and Wal-Mart. She'll turn 3 in May.



Love,  
All the Pecks--  
Jamin,  
Elizabeth,  
Esther & Jaren

