



Compass Aviation Ministries

Greetings From Shelby, NC!

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Happy New Year from Shelby, NC!

We hope all of you had a blessed holiday season, and that this newsletter finds you well. God has blessed us with plenty of work to do -- not just on airplanes, either. We are all endeavoring to be faithful in the work He has given to us. Here are a few examples (and updates):

Please keep praying for Mike and Kelly McGregor as they continue their training with New Tribes Mission in Missouri. That chapter will soon draw to a close. They are looking forward to finishing up their training process in Arizona, their final step before beginning their service overseas. We are honored to be a part of each missionary's journey and we look forward to seeing our hangar full of flags, representing all of the countries in which our missionaries are serving!



Bobby and Joanna Burdett are continuing to seek the Lord's will about His future plans for them, while faithfully serving Him here in Shelby. They are both very active in outreach programs of the local church they attend. Joanna also works as a volunteer at our local pregnancy resource center. As for their future, they believe that God is directing them to Madagascar. The Burdetts plan to visit the country in June with BMFP (Baptist Missions to Forgotten Peoples) to get a sense of how best to minister to the largely-unreached southern portion of the island.

Steve and Andrea Land are thanking the Lord for several things, including the successful outcome of their daughter Kirsten's surgery this month. It went well and she has recovered very quickly. The Lands are also very excited that their family is growing — they are expecting a new baby sometime this July! This will likely be a summer of great changes for them; in addition to a

new child, it seems that God may be pointing them toward a new mission field. He has closed the door for them to go to the country of Kyrgystan. However, a new opportunity may be arising for them in a Middle Eastern country which is closed to traditional missionaries! They are praying and seeking the Lord's direction about this new possibility.

Many of you have expressed particular interest in Mission Air Care (Alaska) and their need for an airplane.



We do have more news on that front! Compass Aviation Ministries and Mission Air Care have finalized the sales agreement for the trade of our Piper Navajo for their Cessna 206! At their request, we have changed the registration number on the Navajo to N316AK (John 3:16 to Alaska)! Both ministries have been watching our Great Provider meet the financial need for this project in such surprising ways. We are completely trusting God for this mutually enabling project and have committed to help Mission Air Care raise \$22,000 of the needed funds to put this capable aircraft in service for our Lord. We have now reached just over half of that goal!!! They too are still in the process of raising the rest of the funds they need to complete the trade. If God blesses us



with their Cessna 206 from Alaska, not only will we be able to provide our candidates the high-performance PIC (Pilot-In-Command) flight hours needed — but it will be in a 206 configured just like the ones these missionary aviators will likely fly overseas! As an exciting bonus, this aircraft will also be available to other missionary aviators, at cost, who simply need additional flight time to qualify for service.

(Drum roll . . .) Although there are a few details remaining, you may at long last visit CAM on the internet! The address is: www.compass21aviation.com/cam. We are excited to have a central place for you to keep up with all that is happening here and so much more — like special projects and upcoming events! You can also view any candidate's current and past newsletters so as to be able to effectively pray for them whether they are still here or serving in remote parts of the world.



A behind-the-scenes peek of the new DVD!

We are thrilled with the DVD that Steve Land was able to put together. If you have not seen it yet let us know. We are tweaking it one last time before calling it a complete wrap. Keep a look out for it on the website or just ask us for a copy!

Just when you thought things might be settling down (ha, ha!) we are prayerfully considering the addition of two more missionary candidates in August. We also are prayerfully asking God to bring us another candidate with a flight instructor's rating as we anticipate transition this summer. Our prayer from the beginning has been that God would bring to us the people we need to do His work for His glory. We look forward to telling you how God provided for these needs!



George Verwer, founder of Operation Mobilization, has asserted that when it comes to reaching the world for Christ or producing a man of God, there are no shortcuts. We must realize that we are His soldiers, we are at war, and time is running short. We were *not* created to live life at minimum cost. Jesus asks for a lifetime commitment to Him. We must stop *playing* soldiers and *be* soldiers. Pray. Get into the Word. Life is hard and we must press on — to strive to live a life worthy of the Lord we serve. Praise God He wants to use weak, ordinary people to do great things for Him! Be encouraged. Get up and keep fighting the good fight.

God bless you.

Praises and Prayer Requests

- **The Burdetts' acceptance with BMFP to Madagascar**
- **Mike and Kelly are close to finishing in Missouri.**
- **The ministry website is up and running.**
- **Kirsten Land's speedy recovery.**
- **Continued safety in our flight & maintenance operations.**
- **That God would provide a new flight instructor/candidate at the right time.**
- **That God would raise up intercessors to partner with us.**
- **For God's continued financial provision so we can meet the needs of our candidates and help equip them for their preparation and field assignments.**
- **For clear leading for the Land family.**
- **For protection from the attacks of the enemy.**
- **For faith and endurance in the midst of attack.**

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