

Grace on Wings



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The Nation's only Charity Air Ambulance

719 + Charity Flights Showing Christ's Love through Aviation

Hurricane Upheavals And Being Transformed By Grace

by Rev. Dr. Lonnie Richardson

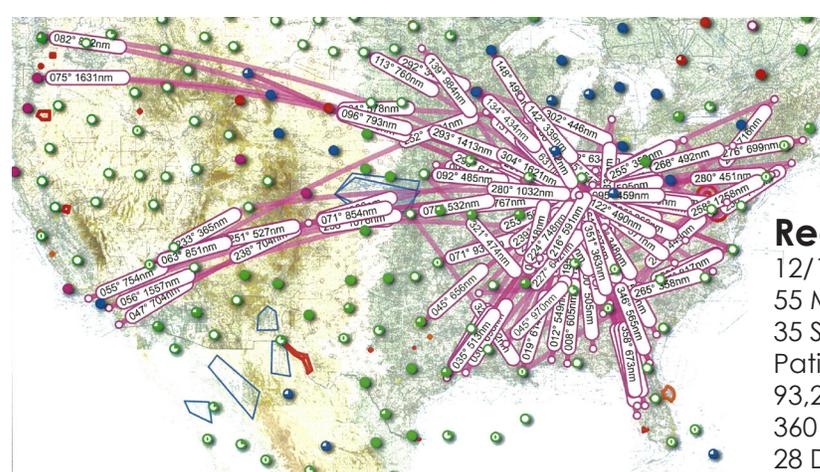
A dear friend recently moved to their new home in southern Florida with his family. Not long after settling in, they were greeted with the news that hurricane Ian would be coming, and a mandatory evacuation order was issued to get out. Following the hurricane, I phoned to see how he and the family were doing. They took shelter in a Fort Lauderdale hotel to wait out the storm.

My friend was convinced his move to sunny Florida was still part of God's plan to be an agent of care and hope to a community hurting. He was a wounded healer. Life can be like that. With the best of intentions and hope, we plan carefully and prayerfully what will be next in our lives, only to be confronted by a lurking disaster.

I don't think Christ came to give us a calm, tranquil, at-ease life. The way I understand things, he came to bring abundance, redemption, and transformation to anyone who would accept his way of living. He came to bring not tranquility but assure life's upheavals can be transformed by grace,

His thoughts get into the nooks and crannies of our thoughts. His desires ooze into our own heart's desires. And from that moment on, you're never, ever the same! And this is why Grace on Wings exists - to reach out to others and to share love in action inspired by hope and grace for people who hurt.

Don't settle for just what you can see on the surface of your life. There is a whole, spirited universe of activity going on all around you that you can tap into right now.



Recent Mission Facts
 12/16/2020 — 10/4/2022
 55 Missions Completed
 35 States Flown in and out of
 Patient Age Range 2 to 101
 93,267+ Miles Flown
 360 Hours + Flight Time
 28 Different Volunteers

GRACE ON WINGS FAST FACTS:

As of mission 719, Grace On Wings has given \$6,738,090 in charitable assistance and flown 1,033,754 miles across 47 states in the USA.

First Flight Nov 2007
 (The **ONLY** US licensed charity air ambulance)

Staffing: Volunteer Professional Nurses, Medics, Respiratory Therapists, Pilots...

Aircraft:

2 - Mitsubishi MU-2's for Air Ambulance
 Affectionately named: "Nellie" and "Abe"

Air Ambulance Equipment:

- Med-Pac cot system
- Zoll X Series Monitor
- Impact Ventilator
- Alaris IV Pump
- ALS Medications

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In this issue, we're featuring some of the "reviews" from our Facebook page. We were encouraged by these sweet updates from past missions and we hope you'll enjoy them too.



**MISSION 664
LEVI - INDIANA TO LOUISIANA**
Light for Levi and Lainey ·
"A beautiful write up on our trip down to New Orleans. Thank you Grace On Wings for getting Levi, Lainey, and me to Louisiana safe and sound. Just another group of Angels that will forever be in our hearts."



MISSION - 626 REBEKAH - FLORIDA TO INDIANA
Cindy Butler McKinney ·

"As one who was sitting on the sidelines waiting for you to bring our Rebekah (and Justin) home to us, my heart is overwhelmed with gratitude for the service you provide. How wonderful it was to be able to track the flight there and back and to pray for your team and our precious cargo. Thank God for you, your ministry and that you use your talents to serve families and Him."



**MISSION 645
HALEY - NORTH CAROLINA TO NEW YORK**
Haley's Hope

"We are so grateful for Grace On Wings for getting Haley safely to NY for surgery. Their team was amazing! At the end of the video, they ask to have one last prayer with her before transferring her into the ambulance to the hospital. We were so blessed that they were such a pivotal part of the Haley's Hope for Health team"

In Support of Grace On Wings' commitment to provide Charity Air Ambulance services to medical patients enduring financial hardship, please accept the following contribution:

- A one time gift of \$ _____.
- Enroll me as a "Luke 5" Monthly Supporter with \$ _____ Per Month.

Our goal is to get **400 monthly supporters** to pledge **\$25 or more** to cover ground costs to allow us to do more missions. Like the Bible story in **Luke 5:18-26** where the crippled man's friends lowered him down on ropes in front of Jesus.

Name: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____
 State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Email: _____
 Phone: _____

Mail to:
Grace On Wings, Inc.
PO Box 42788
Indianapolis, IN 46242

Method of Giving: [Mark an "X" for your preference]
 Check Enclosed (Payable to "Grace On Wings")
 Credit Card: One Time Gift - or - Monthly "Luke 5" Member
 Visa Mastercard Discover Card OTHER (Specify) _____
 Card# _____ exp. ____/____
 Checking withdrawal: One Time Gift - or - Monthly "Luke 5" Member

Tax deductible receipt will be given. We respect your privacy. THANK YOU for supporting this important ministry!



MISSION 468 - NATE - FLORIDA TO INDY

"It is really difficult to express in words what it means to our brother and our family what GOW did for us. While on vacation 14 hours from home, our brother broke his neck. After 4 weeks of acute care, he required medical transport to a local (Indianapolis) rehab facility. The choices are limited in these situations, making the cost of transport (in most situations) substantial- potentially tens of thousands of dollars. Faced with a recent tragedy and in a very vulnerable situation, we had little emotional energy left- the last thing we wanted to do was to pour over competitive bids. But we did- and most bids were close to the same price....Then a bright light- answered prayer! My cousin had heard of Grace on Wings through a colleague- so I immediately contacted them. From that first point of contact, (with Shellie) there was a noticeable difference between Grace on Wings and other transport companies. And that difference carried all the way through until Nate was safely wheeled in to his new short term rehab home.

These are highly trained and skilled professionals giving their time and talents to make a difference in people's lives. Their communication with us was always reassuring, detailed, personal, and transparent. They made sure we completely understood what Nate's transport would look like- from pickup to delivery, what each charge would be, and how they would take care of Nate each step of the way. We tracked Nate's flight with an app that Shellie forwarded to us, and met them at the rehab facility- what GOW provides is DOOR to DOOR service that goes above and beyond. They gave Nate a blanket that had been donated to their organization before they left, and asked to pray for Nate. Since that day, I have received a Thank You note, 2 phone calls, and a couple of emails asked how Nate is progressing.

During the past 40 days, we have seen God's hand at work in sparing Nate's life, leading his recovery, and in many that have used their gifts to help him heal. Grace on Wings was and is a bright light during that difficult time for Nate and our family. It is as though they answer to a higher calling- and they do!

Though we only met with the flight crew briefly, we felt like we had known them for a long time. We are grateful and indebted for their work they did for Nate, and us.

God Bless you guys! And keep up the great work!"

Sincerely, Matt Michael and family

MISSION 685 – CANDI - MONTANA TO WISCONSIN The Rehabilitation Hospital of Montana

"Candi and Dennis from LaValle, Wisconsin, set out to visit Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks at the beginning of September. However, a devastating accident on September 8 left Candi with multiple rib fractures, a skull fracture, and complex pelvic fractures. With this, Candi underwent orthopedic surgery at Billings Clinic where she received excellent care for nearly 10 days before transferring to the Rehabilitation Hospital of Montana.

During Candi's stay at RHOM, her husband stood right by her side throughout her physical and occupational therapies and even participated in some to help ensure Candi achieved her recovery goals that would ultimately allow her to return home safely. They worked on transfers from bed to a wheelchair, car transfers, confidence-building, and pain management. They also worked on developing independence in activities of daily living such as dressing and bathing.



If the accident wasn't stressful enough for the couple, figuring out how to get Candi 1,024 miles home with her severe injuries was now another thing the couple had to worry about. But not for long. That is when Grace on Wings stepped up. Grace on Wings, based in Indianapolis, IN, is the nation's only charity air ambulance that helps and serves families when tragedy strikes miles from home. Candi is Grace On Wings 685th mission. Shelli Engle, R.N. Flight Nurse Coordinator, was part of the team that came to help fly Candi and Dennis home. Shelli shared, "I have been volunteering with Grace on Wings for 12 years and I am so appreciative for the opportunity and gift to help people like Candi through this ministry!"

When asked about her experience here at RHOM, Candi shared, "I had an A+ experience! The PT and OT teams were wonderful. The RNs and CNAs were amazing, helpful, and caring. Everyone was genuinely compassionate and very knowledgeable."

Candi and Dennis look forward to getting back to the life they love, including daily walks, biking, canoeing, paddle boarding, snowshoeing, and enjoying their time with family and friends. We hope they will be back to visit us and fulfill their trip to Glacier and Yellowstone in the future!"



MISSION 85 - AJ - INDIANA TO TEXAS

Tina Moss: "12 years ago my son was injured and you took me and my son home from Indiana to Texas. I will never forget what y'all did for us and I wanted to share these pictures with you, make sure to look in the sky between the two trees."

MISSION 714

**BRYAN - FLORIDA TO NEBRASKA
Sean And Moe O'Neill**

"Our family needed an angel when our sons flight was canceled at the last minute leaving us lost. Grace on Wings was our families angel saving us and getting our son across the country to the treatment he needs. Shelly immediately took control and within hours had a new flight plan and the transport logistics on both ends worked out. Our prayers were fully answered when a very generous donor jumped in to cover costs. The entire time the flight team took care of Bryan and made the whole experience stress free. Bryan is now at the Madonna rehabilitation facility in Lincoln Nebraska all thanks to Grace on Wings. We will never be able to fully show our gratitude. May God continue to bless you, so you continue blessing others."



**MISSION 584
TAYLOR - NEBRASKA
TO OKLAHOMA
Susie Campbell**

"They were such a blessing to my family and me as they transported my granddaughter, Taylor, from Omaha to Tulsa after an anoxic brain injury. Praise God for their obedience to answer His call to this this ministry. they are a living testimony of what the calling on the lives of Christian's everywhere should be....sharing the love of Christ by serving others. #forever grateful."



MISSION 529 - HAROLD - FLORIDA TO INDIANA

"The Rihm family, mission 529 is eternally grateful for them. God's angels on earth."

Grace on Wings Volunteers

I just wanted to take this opportunity to give a huge shout out of appreciation to our medical volunteers. They consist of registered nurses, respiratory therapists and paramedics.

Over the years we have had many many wonderful medical volunteers. Many have come and gone for various "life" reasons and we are so thankful for each one. We currently have about 31 active medical volunteers at this time. Along with their daily jobs in the medical field and volunteering for GOW they are all also very active in their communities. I thought it might be fun to share with you a few of the things that some of them are involved in. So here you go.....

- The National Guard Reserve
- Chief of Police
- County Coroner
- Community Paramedic Program
- Plumber
- Horse Thera-play
- Pharmaceutical Sales

Many also hold leadership roles in their current jobs. We have some who are enjoying retirement and giving back through GOW. Most of them share the most important job on the planet.....being a parent. We currently have 3 nurses pregnant along with wives of 2 of our medics. As you can see they are all super busy and continue to be very gracious with their time.

Each one of them are highly skilled in what they do. They are all very flexible and compassionate.

I definitely do not want to forget the importance of their families who selflessly share them with us and most importantly with our patients. Without them we definitely would not be able to transport the patients that God puts before us.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:12

THIS SERVICE THAT YOU PERFORM IS NOT ONLY SUPPLYING THE NEEDS OF THE LORD'S PEOPLE BUT IS ALSO OVERFLOWING IN MANY EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS TO GOD.