



Contrails of Grace

Dear Grace on Wings,

Voices of Confirmation

Hello my name is Angie and my family lives in Brownsburg, Indiana. Our family has been struggling for the last 4 weeks. Our 12 year old daughter, Cassie, has been placed on the transplant list for a liver and kidney. She has a rare genetic disease and we were recently referred to a World renown doctor at Mayo Clinic. After evaluation, with much heartache, we learned her disease was much farther along than we had expected and instead of needing transplant in 5-10 years, it would need to be done in a matter of weeks.

When we get the call to be in Rochester, that the organs are a match and are on the way, we have to be there within 10 hours. In the best circumstances we could be there in 8 1/2 hours by car and with the weather this is a very risky chance to rely on. We have been desperately trying to find someone to fly us up there when we get the call. Our insurance does not cover air ambulance services. We cannot afford a charter flight,

and the volunteer organizations do not have planes equipped with de-ice.

Commercial airlines is a shot in the dark with their schedules. It is an awful feeling of dread knowing that our daughter's life depended on an 8-10 hour window.

After finding out there is no non-profit organization in the Midwest flying these types of missions, we finally received a call from a generous pilot that is willing to take us. He heard of our plight from someone at our Church.

I am telling you our story because **we are living the emotional terror of the families that you are going to be helping.** My husband and I made a pact last weekend that if we ever hit the lottery, we would get our pilots license and start flying families in our situation. When I saw your article in the Hendricks County Paper of your
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The Curts daughter, Cassie, of Brownsburg Indiana needing a life saving flight to Mayo clinic.

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Watering the Seeds (Our Needs)

We are still working hard to spread the news of our mission and raise the needed funding to purchase the air ambulance cot (\$24,000) and down payment on the plane. We are so thankful to individuals and churches that have offered us support. We have everything ready to begin missions—from flight forms to air medical transport training. We just need the funding.

We believe that God will provide the resources if we are faithful in putting in the work. Please consider how **you** can help us grow the seeds of this mission into a strong shade tree to shelter God's people, to ease their pain and give them hope.

We are also looking for people who will pray for our mission and spread the word of what God has planted in our hearts to do.

For more information, or to make a

donation, please see our updated website or call us. We look forward to using all the gifts God has given us.

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Growth in the Vine
(Current activity)

Hal Blank, CEO has continued to speak to churches and individuals to raise support for our mission. We feel God has given us this mission to not only impact lives now, but also eternally. We know that the most important supporters of our mission, who will truly understand why we are doing this, is our brothers and sisters in Christ.

We were excited when the national Christian radio station was interested in our mission and interviewed Hal about our vision.



Another Voice

Dear **Grace on Wings**,

My name is Shannon Moore and my uncle Mark is a truck driver based out of Oklahoma City. 4 weeks ago he was found along the side of the highway in Amarillo, TX nonresponsive. He was evacuated to a local hospital where they discovered his colon had burst. He had to have been down for over 6 hours before being discovered. This had allowed time for the toxins to spill throughout his body for hours. He has undergone 7 surgeries and is facing at least 2 more. He is still on a respirator and in critical condition and his recovery is expected to take months.

We've been told that to get him back home to us in Seymour, IN, he will need to have an Air Ambulance service. He does not have insurance and our family does not have the funds (Continued pg 3)

Grace on Wings....

Bidirectional vision:
to use the gift of aviation in the US with air ambulance and bring missionaries and medical supplies to Peru and other countries.



Shoots (Coming Next) Peru Mission 2007

Dr Cole Performing Surgery with doctors in Peru.



Peruvian's in need of care

In keeping with our bidirectional vision, we hope to be able to soon help established mission teams when we acquire our aircraft. We wish to spend 2 to 4 weeks a year to go to Central and South America to assist in delivering much needed supplies and missionaries to remote locations. We are currently in the planning stages of a possible Peru Mission Trip later this year where we may be able to help Dr Peter Cole-an orthopaedic surgeon from

Minnesota— with delivering medical and surgical supplies in Pullcapa, Peru.

Dr Cole's mission called "Scalpel at the Cross" has had problems, in addition to many other mission

"The Lord is good. He prepares the way ahead, has His plans for us, helps us implement them, and then gives such a tremendous harvest. We need not worry about what we are going to do next but concentrate on what God can do through us right now, as we are obedient and faithful to Him each step on the path."

Donna Thomas, missionary author "Climb Another Mountain"

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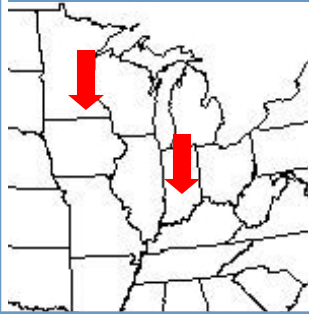
Why does an air-ambulance not cost \$24,000 ???



Spectromed Aircraft Cot

It is a very specialized piece of equipment that has to be manufactured to specifically fit the type of aircraft. It also has to have a patient loading system and oxygen.

“It is an awful feeling of dread knowing that our daughter’s life depended on an 8-10 hour window.”



Traveling to Mayo by ground may take too long for Cassie to make it when they get “the call”.

Voices of Confirmation (Continued from pg. 1)

mission, I could not believe it. What you are doing is an inspiration to me and you are a blessing to families.

God Bless you and your flights,
Angie Curts

This is only one of many contact letters we have received. We are praying for each one of these people in need of charitable air-ambulance service and it breaks our hearts to not be able to get them to the medical care they need, or to reunite them from the care back to their families. With every call we receive, we thank God that He has placed this mission on our hearts.

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to afford it. We consider ourselves blessed that he is still alive and know that there are many families that have much larger challenges to face. My worry is not only for Mark, but for my Mom as well. She has suffered much over the past year. She lost her oldest brother and then 2 days later, her father died. I then had to undergo exploratory surgery due to an extended illness and Mom is now the “head” of our family. She is doing the best she can to keep the family ties strong. She is the one having to make all the decisions regarding Mark’s care.

We pray everyday for a miracle-not only for Mark’s survival, but also a way to bring him home to Indiana. He won’t be the same person he was before this happened. He will require long-term care, which includes the support (emotional, physical, mental and financial) of all his family. We are prepared to do whatever it takes to help him. But if you at Grace on Wings could help us bring him home...I can’t tell you how wonderful that would be for all of us.

Best Wishes,
Shannon Moore

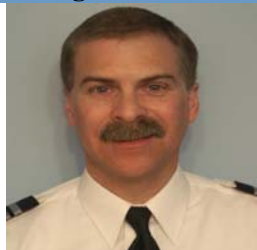
Spotlight on ...New Board Members:

Roger Booth, CFO and Mike Meister, Copilot and Director of Operations



Roger Booth

Roger Booth is a CPA and Butler University MBA grad (Go Dogs!!) who is retired from his main job as auditor at ITT Tech for over 20 years. He has also kept up his own private business as a CPA offering business accounting and tax prep for over 25 years. He is a devout follower of Christ and attends Grace Evangelical Church. He wishes to still work hard in retirement in anything God sets before him and we are thankful to have a wise businessman on staff.



Mike Meister

Mike Meister is an engineer for Rolls Royce Aircraft and has been a commercial pilot. When the tragedy of 911 hit, the need for pilots was hampered and he went back to a “ground based job”. But his love for flying has grown as he flies his own aircraft and is also a flight instructor. He attends College Park Baptist Church and has prayed that God would give him direction on how he could use his gift of flying to further God’s kingdom and we are thankful God has led him to **Grace on Wings**.

Shoots

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groups, getting supplies through customs in Lima, where corruption is vast and many items seem to “go missing” or get confiscated.

“Sam Air” Pilot, Jack Sluiter, believes in our mission. He heads an established American group of pilots based out of Pullcapa, Peru, that fly Peruvian Missionaries to and from the Swiss Bible Institute. He states that an “overnight” ordered plane part may take 3 months to reach the base.

Jack, now serving in US to fund raise for his mission, has agreed to assist us in our Maiden voyage to Peru by being the co-pilot and assisting in translating.



Jack Sluiter, SAM Air pilot, and family



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Hog Roast/Silent Auction



We are planning to have a Huge fund raising drive at the Greenwood airport in June—located just west of I-65 on Countyline Rd.

We are going to

have mouth watering pulled pork along with great sides and an entire table of home-made desserts!!! Our silent auction will feature many items including autograph sports items, hand crafted furniture, children’s bikes and international items from local missionaries. Bring your kids as we will have lots of fun activities for families as well as displays and information on Airplanes,



Air Ambulances and Peruvian missions work. Local commercial rated pilots will be on hand to offer scenic air plane flights!!!

We will also have awesome entertainment with a band and an upcoming Christian music star!

Check our website in April for more information or contact us by email if you are interested in volunteering.

Check out our new website!!!

www.graceonwings.org

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www.klove.com and click on “only on K love” and go to page 5 or search “Grace on Wings”.

In hearing our interview, we were contacted by the National Patient Air Transport Organization which is a non-profit company that is dedicated to finding the lowest cost Air Ambulance/medical air transport for patients and their families. They were saddened to hear that we were not yet flying. They refer more than 200 patient flights a month—many of whom do not have the insurance or means of affording the flights. They state they only have access to a “handful of

charitable resources” in their air transport guide and that our program is “priceless”.

We also continue to work with Mercy Med Flight—the other Charitable Air Ambulance service based out of Texas. They are helping us with our protocols and say that Grace on Wings is where they were 12 years ago. They have been doing missions for over 10 years now. Their current waiting list for transport is over 75 patients. They say their “hearts break every day at the needs not being met” because of the lack of agencies doing this much needed work.