



# Contrails of Grace



Grace on Wings is the nation's **one and only** charity air ambulance service.

In operation since November, 2007 we have done over a dozen flights so far and are starting to spread our wings.

## Missions Update

### To the Ground Crew, (supporters and friends)

What a whirlwind! Grace on Wings is up and flying! So many exciting and wonderful things have happened in the past few months, and we feel it is necessary to share these with our faithful supporters and friends. The staff and volunteers here at Grace on Wings thank you for your incredible support. We pray that the news and heartwarming stories will excite you as they have us, and it is our hope that you will stay with us as we grow and move from a fledgling mission to a healthy and strong "Warrior Mission" for God!

### Since the Last Time:

The last update you may have had was in January, and a lot has happened since then. Take a look....

1. **Active Flights**— We have a dozen or so flights under our belts now, from Denver to Florida to Chicago and many points in between. Each flight has it's own unique story, and though they took large amounts of planning, communication, fundraising, and prayer, God blessed all involved.
2. **Spreading the Word about the mission**— We have spoken at many churches, on the radio and TV, and in many one-on-one sessions, always speaking the words that God lays on our hearts and doing our best to spread the Word and about our mission.
3. **Traveling to P.R.O.P. events**— We were given the opportunity to reach out to businesses by taking part in a training and informational event held by Mitsubishi, the maker of our MU-2 Airplane. It allows us the opportunity to further spread the word about our mission while showcasing the unique way in which we are using this great airplane.



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## Stories from Above

The following are brief descriptions of a few of our flights taken. There are thousands of details to describe, such as the preparations, working with the medical community to set up the flight, the timing, making arrangements with the families, and raising donations to pay for the flight, there is a lot to talk about.



### **Sister Hildegard needs help getting home:**

This full time nun and story teller was struck by a sudden stroke and unable to return home to be cared by those who loved her. She made it home with our help, and God was able to bless the end of her life surrounded by family and loved ones. Want more info? Go to [www.graceonwings.org](http://www.graceonwings.org) to see the news story that the CBS station in Denver did about the sister and Grace on Wings.



### **A Wounded Man—Stranded:**

There is a man who went to visit family in Chicago. While he was there, he became the innocent victim and was shot in the head twice. It was a senseless act of violence that was barely a blip on the news, however, his life was changed forever. With God's help, doctors saved his life, but he was stuck in Chicago with his family far away. We helped him get back home.

**Casey's Story:** Casey Lang was a 17 year old boy from Seattle diagnosed with a thyroid condition that prompted seizures. While visiting his father working here in Indiana, Casey had a horrible seizure that left him in a coma. Casey was here in Indiana, but his family and friends were in Washington, and his parents' insurance wouldn't cover the \$30,000 to move him back. With hope, they called on Grace on Wings.

We were able to transport Casey back home to his family on a flight funded completely by donations.

Go to [www.graceonwings.org](http://www.graceonwings.org) to see the news story WTHR did on Casey's amazing flight home.



## Sharing the Excitement

When I meet someone and talk about this mission, what Grace on Wings is, what it does, why it is important, essential even, people tell me that the excitement comes out, it's obvious, tangible even. So maybe you will see that when I was asked recently to share with someone what was *the most exciting thing* about this mission, I took a little while to answer.

It could be the people I meet, from church leaders to men and women who are looking for ways to help others, or the sick or their families who are just looking for an answer. Perhaps it is the way that I feel God moving behind the scenes, answering both our prayers and the prayers of others, making things work that seemed like they were just not going to be possible. There are many things that excite me about this mission.

Here is number one... At the risk of sounding overly dramatic, it's really what our mission is all about. It's being for others *the instrument of God's Grace*.

I have such empathy for the sick, putting myself in their situation, that I see that to many we are given the chance to be the miracle God has put into their lives. For someone who needs our service, and who can't afford to hire a for-profit group to help, there is no option. They get to the point that they realize that they will have to stay where they are, away from family or away from the care that they need.

When they have come to that understanding, have resigned themselves to the reality that there is no way to "work it out," that's when we can come into the picture. Imagine the joy to someone who has resigned themselves to the fact that their loved one will not be able to come home and then they suddenly find out that there is a way to have their prayers answered.

That's the thing that gets me the most excited. Not that I or even Grace on Wings has done something spectacular, but that God has arranged things so that in their darkest hour, when there are no options, God can make a way.

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## Tip of the Iceberg

The individuals on page 2 are just a sampling of those who we have served. More importantly though, all those who we have served are a sliver of those needing help, the “tip of the iceberg”. For every patient we help, there are dozens we have to turn away. Many people desperately need the help, but we are only able to help those in the tightest spots first, and we have to take the time to gather funds for flights before we can do that.

The other day, we got 6 calls from people looking for flights. Everyday is about the same. Some were from as far away as California. That’s outside our area, and the know it, but they call anyway. They are looking for our help because there is simply no one else out there

When no one else will touch a patient, that’s when they call us. We are the hand reaching out of the darkness to catch those who are falling—but there are simply too many. For every hand we reach out and catch, that we pull back from the brink, dozens more reach out, find no one to help, and fall.

We need more hands. Picture that and you will begin to understand why we need **400 ROPES...**

*Just like an iceberg, ninety percent of the mass lies out of sight.*

*For Medical Air Ambulance, we are hearing from only a few.*

*Many, many more don’t know we exist yet....*

*...but they need our help.*

## 400 ROPES:

Have you ever looked closely at a rope? A rope is made up of long strands of some type of fiber, wound around and around other long strands of fiber. One supports the other and together they both gather strength and accomplish a task.

I am talking about rope in order to lead you into the next stage of Grace on Wings’ development. We have set the goal to gather strands together, to form ropes and to accomplish a task. That task we have chosen is to get our plane *Nellie* into the air full time, using the ability to the max and reaching the world to show Christ’s love using our gifts of flight and of medicine.

To do that, we are looking for 400 volunteers. We estimate that if we can find 400 individuals that are willing to commit \$25 dollars or more to our cause every month, we will have all pre-flight costs paid for. This is our goal. It is our wish. It is our fervent prayer.

We need other things too. Volunteers to pray, volunteers to give of themselves to man the flight crews, help in other ways, but these 400 will be the fierce warriors in God’s army who can help us reach the battlefield. Without them, we are destined to wait on the sidelines, watching others fall around us.

Who are these individuals? The rich? Big business? Those who are destined to be saints? The great ones of the church or of society?

Not really...Instead, what we are finding is that these individuals are those who are loved by God, have been blessed in their own lives, and are able to spare just enough from their own lives to reach out to others. The “regular guy” who knows that there is a lot of stuff wrong with the world and wants to help try and make it a little bit better. The single parent, trying to make it through the next few weeks with their mind intact, (life can be crazy, we know.) These are the people our nation is founded on, who work, who play, who live the best that they can and are reaching out to others.

What I want you to ask yourself is this. Am I talking about you?

In the next few months, we are rolling out a special program that will help those 400 individuals tie into our mission in ways that will surprise them. They will be part in not just helping to lift us off the ground, but to be with us as we fly. We are still working out the details, but let me share this. Up-to-date mission reports on the people you are helping, plus live flight tracking. **Watch Nellie fly across the country.** It’s a great time to climb on board. Please take the time to go to our web site, send us a note or give us a call and let us know that you are ready to join us in building some ropes and lowering the sick to the feet of Jesus. Be sure to mention the “400 Ropes” program when you call or write us.

You will never regret being a part of this mission. We are truly and humbly answering God’s call on our lives. Join us! Contact us today!



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Grace on Wings 2nd Annual Hog Roast!!!

Located at the Greenwood Airport from 11 am to 4 pm. Join us for:



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Plane Rides \* Great Food!



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