



ABOVE: PILOT/CEO HAL BLANK DOING THE 100TH FLIGHT "JIG" WITH NELLIE. WIFE TAMI SAYS "CAN'T DANCE" AND COPILOT RUSTY SAYS "HE'S JUST ASKIN FOR A RAMP CHECK!"

LEFT: HAL HELPING TAMI OVER LOADING DECK ON NELLIE AFTER PATIENT UNLOAD.

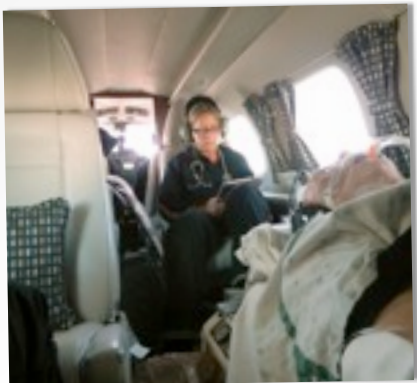
Mission 100!! 3rd Year ANNIVERSARY

God gave the Grace on Wings mission to Tami and Hal Blank after they began to try to find out what their "big dream" was and went in search of it. The search took them all the way to South America before God showed them needs of people right here in US

that needed the help of health care and aviation-the very gifts the Blank's were equiped with. They asked Pastor Gary Walker and Dr Jim Milstead to come along side this "God-sized project". It's so amazing that when you follow God's lead-He will equip you. God

brought many others to us that He knew we would need: board members, medical and aviation volunteers, website designers, event coordinators-this list goes on and on! Our first flight was on Nov 28, 2007 and we pray God will continue to bless this mission of mercy!

GOW Volunteers in Action:



KATIE RT



PILOT DJ WITH PASSENGER



DR JIM AND MATT EMT-P

The Most Important Thing about Heaven

by Pastor Gary Walker

There is much that could be written about “**heaven.**” It is mentioned over 500 times in the Bible. Genesis 1:1 says, “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” Then in verse six of this same chapter, God creates an “expanse” above the earth, which in verse eight, He calls “heaven.” This is what we would call the “**atmospheric heaven.**” This is the heaven that “Nellie” flies through in order to take people home, closer to their families.

Continuing in Genesis 1, God says in verse 14,15, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the “**heavens**” to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years; and let them be for lights in the expanse of the heavens to

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give light on the earth; and it was so.” These verses are referring to the sun, moon, and stars; what we might call the “**stellar heavens.**” These are the heavens that David was contemplating when he wrote in Psalm 19:1, “The heavens are telling of the glory of God; and their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.” As I’m writing this sentence, I’m also looking at a photo I took this summer along Lake Michigan, when the sun was about ready to set. The sky is several shades of yellows and oranges and a brilliant ray of light stretches from the horizon to the place where I was standing along the shore. It certainly declares the glory of God! I’m sure you’ve had similar experiences. But as beautiful as these heavens can be, there is another “heaven” mentioned in the Bible that is even more awesome. The Apostle Paul mentions it in II Corinthians 12:2 – “I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago – whether in the body I do not know, or



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out of the body I do not know, God knows – such a man was caught up to the “**third heaven.**” And it’s this third heaven that I want to focus on for the rest of this article.

In this same passage, Paul says the man he was talking about was “caught up into **Paradise,**” much like the Apostle John was commanded to “come up here” (**heaven**) in Revelation 4:1. Both men were amazed at what they saw and heard. It was so beyond what their earthly existence allowed them to comprehend or explain. But it was glorious!

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NELLIE’S NEEDS:



Nellie our MU-2 aircraft

Nellie will need new engines by January 2011. We have been planning for this since our ministry began. We would like to thank the following extremely important team members that have supported this huge event: Farmers Bank Frankfort, Intercontinental Jet, Honeywell, Standard Aero, Mitsubishi, and 400 ropes members!

Fast FACTS:	
As of Nov 2010:	
Missions:	105
Charitable Assistance	
\$938,794.00	
Miles flown	127,535
US states served	35



AMY AND HER SONS TYLER AGE 4 AND JOSH 8 AT THE RELAY FOR LIFE CINCINNATI OH JUNE 2010

MALIGNANT MELANOMA

- *Developes from abnormal skin cells-UV exposure plays a role.
 - *Fair-skinned people especially with red hair and people with a large number of abnormal moles have increased risk.
 - *One person per hour dies in the US of malignant melanoma.
- For info on detection/prevention visit www.cancer.org.

AMY AND AMY'S ARMY

Amy Meranda, age 29 died Oct 2010 after almost a year of battling an aggressive form of skin cancer. Grace on Wings was able to get her home to hospice in Cincinnati from her care at National Institute of Health in Maryland on Sept 28th after she was told she had hundreds of metastasis to her lungs and abdomen and there was nothing more doctors could do.

Amy was a labor and delivery nurse at Bethesda North Hospital and was married to Justin, who she met in college. They had two sons that she wanted to get home to say goodbye to. She also had a very large support group of family and friends at home called Amy's Army. They had put up a large bulletin board where she had worked so others could learn about her battle with melanoma. They all wore shirts that had her favorite saying on the back: "Smiles and laughter heal more than tears."

She had found a growth on her ankle only last November but the aggressive cancer was not ammendable to surgery/ chemo. Her hope is that others will learn about her battle and how to detect and prevent malignant melanoma.

In Support of Grace on Wings commitment to providing Charity Air Ambulance services to medical patients in financial hardship, I would like to make a contribution in the amount of:

***A one time gift of _____**

***Become 400 Ropes Monthly Supporter at _____ per Month.**

Our goal is to get 400 monthly supporters to pledge \$25 or more to cover our 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, we need you to be those ropes!

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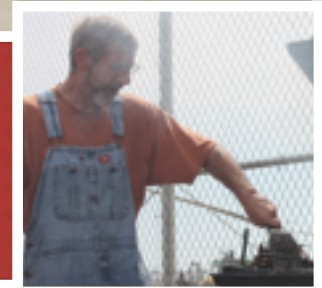
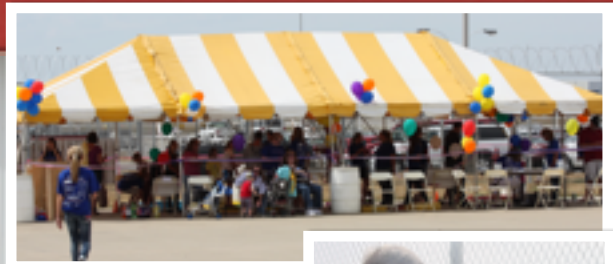
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"Each of you has received a gift to use to serve others. Be good servants of God's various gifts of Grace." 1 Peter 4:10 NCV

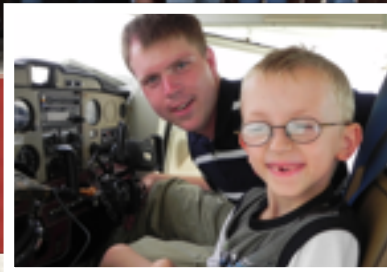
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FAMILY AVIATION FESTIVAL & HOGROAST

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS !!!



EAA Free Flights!



EAA (experimental aircraft association) Young eagle discovery flight program was held again this year at the family aviation festival. It is a way for experienced pilots to donate their time and talents by taking kids up in small aircraft and showing them the joys of aviation. On a beautiful blue-sky day the Indianapolis airport was gracious to give us a dedicated runway for the rides and the kids enjoyed a great view over downtown Indy and over the Indy500 racetrack before returning with huge smiles back to the airport!

Thanks to Millionair, the ramp crew and to our wonderful pilots for their help in showing how great flying is. We hope to make many future aviators!



“Heaven”

continued by Pastor Walker

Jesus talked about this **third heaven** when He was comforting His disciples as His time on earth was growing short. He said, “Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In my Father’s house (**heaven**) are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you (**in heaven**). If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am (**heaven**), there you may be also (John 14:1-3).

Then Jesus told them that they knew the way to get there (heaven). But Thomas said they didn’t know the way. Then Jesus responded with these familiar and beautiful words, “**I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father (heaven) but through Me**” (John 14:6).

And that’s the most important thing about heaven – How we get there! And how we get there is by believing in the Lord Jesus Christ and receiving Him into our life. The Bible says, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and



you will be saved” (Acts 16:31). It also says, “But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name” (John 1:12).

Are you ready for Heaven?!