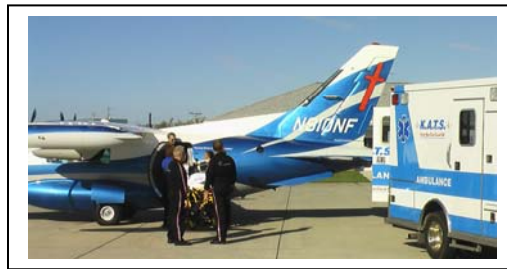




Grace on Wings

“Showing Christ's love through aviation”

Missions Update Dec 9 '07



from Tamara Blank, Missions Coordinator

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I'm so excited about our first 2 missions-both successful! All Glory and Praise to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Nellie is flying great and we just completed our second mission yesterday.

As I was decorating our Christmas tree tonight considering God's gift of Jesus and eternal life, and reflecting on the recent people that God has brought into my life, I am so thankful to see Him work and be a part of this mission to bring the Love of Christ through the gift of aviation. And I am so thankful to gracious and faithful supporters and volunteers like you for making this possible.

There are many similarities between our first two patients. Both were living active healthy lives until bacterial infection set in and nearly cost both of them their lives. (How many of us have been suddenly struck by a bacterial infection?) Carlos, our first patient in his fifties, developed some upper back pain in September and then sudden paralysis from the chest down from a spinal infection. Phyllis, our other patient, just had a local cancerous mole removed from her neck 3 months ago when a flesh eating bacteria set in. Remember-both were healthy -one was planning for a Cruise vacation! Both of them have battled for their lives over the past 3 months and both needed to get from Florida to Indianapolis for medical treatment and to be with their families that live here (a much needed emotional treatment). Indianapolis is blessed to have such wonderful physicians and medical centers. Neither of their insurance would cover the transport and they were both very sick and couldn't fly commercial or tolerate even an hour's car ride.

Being human-wouldn't we all question God's plan if we were struck with this situation? How precious it was to see their faces and the smiles of their family members when they saw God intervene in this hopeless situation and these Crazy Christians in flight suits come get them, love them and pray over them, and give them the hope they needed to keep fighting. The rainbow that followed us yesterday from the clouds below must have been God's angels He sent to watch over us!



Carlos in back of "Nellie"



Phyllis with medic Darryl

Each Flight takes hours of phone communication and preparation, flight following from our ground office, two pilots and two medical crew giving up a full day to work, and also our wonderful support and advise from our medical director. Everyone is volunteer. So far we have had to require donations from the families to cover plane, insurance and fuel costs. Although only about 1/4 of the cost of commercial air ambulance, we've still seen some families that have not been able to afford it. We are applying for grants for help and are trying to spread the word of our mission-thanks to you for financial support, spreading the word and sharing the work! **May God continue to bless each and every one of us!**