



Grace on Wings Winter 2019

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Grace on Wings End Of Year Letter

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Rev. Dr. Lonnie Richardson

December 2019

A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan found in Luke 10:25-37, in which a man was beaten, robbed and left for dead. She described the situation in vivid detail so her students would catch the drama. Then she asked the class, "If you saw a person, lying on the roadside, all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?" a thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence and declared, "I think I'd throw up." Seeing people who hurt can be uncomfortable. However, we are called by Jesus to be difference makers by being his hands and feet to bring healing to human hurt.

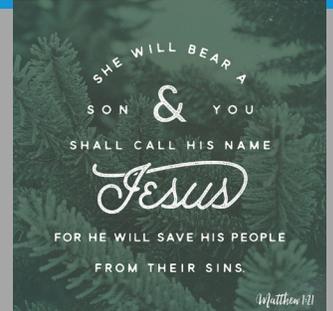
Jesus concluded his parable with the challenge: "Go and do likewise." Doing likewise is what Grace on Wings is all about. Since 2006, their 617 flight missions have provided help valued at \$5,744,937.00 ! These missions of healing and hope were possible because of the Blessings of our Lord and your generous support.

There is a big challenge before this ministry in 2020. Abe will need engine work that will cost \$187,000. This is in addition to the work done on his other engine this year that cost \$156,000. An additional \$144,000 is needed for other maintenance to the air fleet.

Your financial support and prayers allow Grace on Wings to show the love of Christ to a hurting world. Please remember Grace on Wings in your giving during this Christmas season and New Year. You matter to this ministry, and this ministry matters to the world.

In Him,

Rev. Dr. Lonnie Richardson
Grace on Wings board member



GRACE ON WINGS FAST FACTS:

As of mission 620, Grace On Wings has given \$5,744,937 in charitable assistance and flown 881,388 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



Thank You to the Berry Family

For those of you who were unable to attend the gala we wanted to share a picture of this beautiful prop. The Berry family (Eric mission # 66) had this painted special for the ministry and we have hung it here at the hangar where we and all who visit can enjoy it. We want to send a special thank you to the entire Berry family for their continued love, support and thoughtfulness.



2019 Gala

by Shelli Engle

What a wonderful gala we had this year. Only a week prior I had just received about 100 RSVP's and in no time that number doubled. As always... God is so good.

We had an awesome turnout of over 200 people. Once again Randall did an amazing job as emcee and keeping us on schedule. The evening opened with Mike Gerrish doing some fun "rope trick magic". He did a great job and was quite entertaining.

After dinner we had two speakers: Randy and Betty each shared their firsthand experience with Grace on Wings. Then came a short break where Randall did a heated live auction for tickets to "The Grand Ole Opry House". (These were donated by friends of Tom and Betty Robison)

Next came our final two speakers Brooks and Irma, then Kristen on behalf of baby Emelia who also shared their experience.

Finally, to wrap up the evening Hal did a quick update and then shared the 2019 Gala Video that he had prepared. This is always a highlight of the evening and he does such a wonderful job with these each year. (You can find this on our GOW Facebook page as well as our GOW YouTube page, and if you have not seen it, I encourage you to watch it.)

All our speakers did an outstanding job and we are eternally grateful to each one of them for giving of their time and spending an evening with us. They helped to fill the room with many family and friends who were all so delightful to meet.

We want to thank the following people for helping to make this evening so special:

- Randall Gray (he not only emceed but he is also one of our volunteer nurses.)
- Mike & Melinda Gerrish (Mike was mission 562 on 9/13/18)
- Tom & Betty Robison (Tom was mission 557 on 8/10/18 and he was unable to be with us due to hospitalization, however, we are hopeful to see him next year.)
- Brooks & Irma Padgett (Brooks was mission 597 on 6/7/19)
- Adrian & Kristen Tucker (baby Emelia was mission 594 on 5/7/19)
- Marsha Dorsey for donating the floral arrangements on each of the tables.

Congratulations to Claire Fullenkamp who was our "Volunteer of the Year." (She is very helpful with the gala and throughout the year volunteering her time off to come in and help organize medical supplies and whatever needs to be done in the office. This is extremely helpful to me and much appreciated.)

A HUGE THANK YOU TO EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU WHO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT US !

Fox River Church

Back on July 21st, Hal and I had the pleasure of speaking at Fox River Congregational Church in Pewaukee, Wisconsin. Pastor Lonnie who sits on the Grace on Wings board is the founding Pastor of this great church.

We were warmly welcomed by the congregation here as Hal shared with them more about our ministry. We had the pleasure of spending time with Pastor Lonnie and his lovely wife Mercedes. They showed us around a few of the small quaint towns nearby. We also got to attend a high school graduation open house with them as well. Sunday after lunch we were joined by several church members for lunch before we headed home.

Their church is absolutely beautiful and set in a large wooded area. As you look up to the pulpit you can see the gorgeous thick trees just beyond the window. It is very evident how much this body of believers love one another as well as their community.

It was a wonderful blessing and we have a handful of supporters who faithfully attend the gala each year as well, driving all the way from Wisconsin. WOW, now that is dedication!



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.

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