

# Grace on Wings



Fall/Winter 2020

The Nation's only Charity Air Ambulance

663 + Charity Flights

Showing Christ's Love through Aviation

## End of Year Letter

November 23, 2020

Dear Grace on Wings Family,

There have been 946,056 miles have been flown, 663 missions completed, and \$6,150,309 charitable donations by Grace on Wings. Your support for this ministry made it happen!

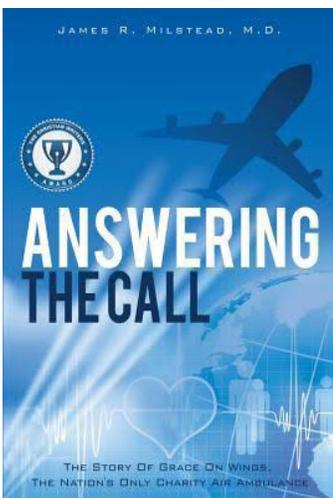
The caring hand of Grace on Wings is needed more than ever. Our nation is hurting from a pandemic that has placed at risk the health of hundreds of thousands. The pandemic's economic impact has made it difficult for many to get the costly transportation necessary to reunite with family or relocate to a healthcare facility where they can receive treatment. The pandemic caused us to cancel the annual fundraising gala that was so vital to this ministry.

To make ends meet and keep the fleet in the air, some of the Grace on Wings employees voluntarily refused to receive compensation. I am thankful to report that the funding is at a level where they are now being paid. Aircraft maintenance cost was a factor in 2020 and will continue into 2021. With your help, we can recover from this pandemic's wounds and keep the ministry of healing in the air.

If you believe helping people who hurt honors God, then I am asking you to be part of the solution by praying for this ministry and making a financial donation to Grace on Wings. Your financial donation represents a hand of caring to this country in need of healing.

In His perfect grip,

Rev. Dr. Lonnie Richardson,  
Board Member of Grace on Wings



### GRACE ON WINGS FAST FACTS:

As of mission 663, Grace On Wings has given \$6,150,309 in charitable assistance and flown 946,056 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

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### Our Sweet Little Paisley

I wanted to share an update I received recently. This adorable little lady was mission 371 back on December 18, 2015 — yes 5 years ago, and look at her now. It is always such a joy to hear from this family. God has blessed them abundantly with three beautiful children and GOW is grateful to be a small part of their journey... Thank you for always remembering us.



Hi Shelli!

Paisley's 5th birthday is tomorrow, September 22nd. I wanted to let you know that she is doing great! She walked 19 completely independent steps in physical therapy the other day and she can use her crutches independently. She loves music, all animals, and telling jokes. School has had to go on a back burner because of Covid but she is enjoying having Matthew and the older kids at home with her. She wants a real car for her birthday but would settle for one that her teddy bear can ride in. She speaks in complete sentences with full ideas. The only reason she is in speech therapy now is for feeding therapy. She's about 40 lbs and 41 inches tall.

Susan

**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.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Giving: [Mark an "X" for your preference]

\_\_\_ Check Enclosed (Payable to "Grace On Wings")

\_\_\_ Credit Card: \_\_\_ One Time Gift - or - \_\_\_ Monthly "Luke 5" Member

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\_\_\_ Checking withdrawal: \_\_\_ One Time Gift - or - \_\_\_ Monthly "Luke 5" Member

**Mail to:**  
**Grace On Wings, Inc.**  
**PO Box 42788**  
**Indianapolis, IN 46242**

Tax deductible receipt will be given. We respect your privacy. THANK YOU for supporting this important ministry!

## Mission 658 Update on October 15, 2020 from Florida to Indiana

Hi there,

Just thought I would update you. The therapy center in Indy was fantastic. He made great strides. Entered unable to walk or use his hands. Left walking and some hand use, which is great recovery. The rest is waiting for cord to heal and outpatients therapy. HOWEVER, we hit a snag. He arrived back home on November 5, amid the next morning his entire incision on the back of his neck came open, exposing his spinal column. I got him to Fort Wayne and he had more surgery. After five days back home with PICC line. Therapy resumes today. This was two week setback physical wise but he's ready to get started. He can't yet dress himself, but can feed himself and brush teeth etc.

Because of your organization, we were able to be back in Indiana at a great rehab center and get on the recovery road!

Thanks to all who provided transport and your thoughts and prayers. They've been answered!

Sincerely,

Marilyn



## Thank You to All of Our Supporters and Volunteers

Both are just as important as the other and can be interchangeable....

- Being a supporter means you freely and actively approve of and encourage someone or something
- Being a volunteer means that you are freely offering something – something that is not required nor an obligation. ...

Here at Grace on Wings we have the absolute best of both. You support us with your prayers, finances, time, talents and treasures. Many of whom I have never had the privilege to meet personally. But each and every one of you are appreciated more than you could ever know. You have an advantage of seeing our faces through my mission reports but be assured that you too are representing you as well.

As for our medical volunteers.....

We have lost a few of our paramedics recently, Christopher has moved to Texas to pursue his dream of a full-time flight medic and Christian is advancing his career to become a registered nurse. We wish them both the very best and thank them for the time they were able to give to the ministry.



A HUGE congratulations to Zac one of our nurses, he is now a Nurse Practitioner and we couldn't be more excited for him.

Our current medical volunteers:

### **Our Paramedics:**

Matt, Chad, Mark, Jarrett, Justin, Rocky, Jennifer, Cristi

### **Our Registered Nurses:**

Zac, Ryan, Teejay, Madison, Claire, Randall, Marisa, Ashley, Carly, Carolyn, Annie, Rachel, Chelsie, Josiah

### **Our Respiratory Therapists:**

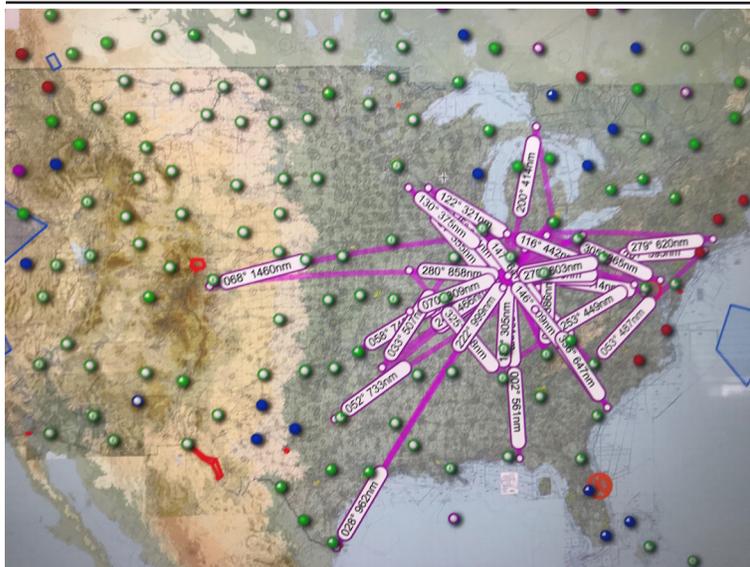
Chris, Edith, Carla C., Carla P., Matt, John

If you would keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers I know they would really appreciate it. They all juggle their jobs and families which is huge giving their days off to help continue serving GOW patients and families.

1 PETER 5:2

BE SHEPHERDS OF GOD'S FLOCK THAT IS UNDER YOUR CARE, WATCHING OVER THEM--NOT BECAUSE YOU MUST, BUT BECAUSE YOU ARE WILLING, AS GOD WANTS YOU TO BE: NOT PURSUING DISHONEST GAIN, BUT EAGER TO SERVE

"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."



## Recent Mission Facts

6/26/2020 TO 11/13/2020

- A total of 18 missions in this 4 month period
- Patient age range from 15 years old to 89 years old
- Departed and arrived in 20 different states
- 23,278 nautical miles which is 26,788 statute miles
- 94 + hours of flying time

1 TIMOTHY 6:17-18 COMMAND THOSE WHO ARE RICH IN THIS PRESENT WORLD NOT TO BE ARROGANT NOR TO PUT THEIR HOPE IN WEALTH, WHICH IS SO UNCERTAIN, BUT TO PUT THEIR HOPE IN GOD, WHO RICHLY PROVIDES US WITH EVERYTHING FOR OUR ENJOYMENT. COMMAND THEM TO DO GOOD, TO BE RICH IN GOOD DEEDS, AND TO BE GENEROUS AND WILLING TO SHARE.

## Mission Update #151 from October 1, 2011 Maryland to Illinois

Now 75 years old and still serving Ken was 66 years old when we transported him. He retired as an industrial arts teacher and wrestling coach many years ago and does disaster relief missions all over the United States.



In 2011 he was assisting victims from Hurricane Irene in the DC area when his safety cable snapped and sent him plummeting 25 feet from the tree he was in. He suffered many rib fractures, a hemothorax and received 8 units of blood among many other injuries. We were blessed to be a small part of his journey back to his home state.

As you can see God has restored him physically and allows him to continue to serve heading up 1 of the 2 Chainsaw / Mud Out Teams. He continues to mentor young people along the way touching lives for Christ.

The ministry he is a part of is the Three Rivers Baptist (TRB) Disaster Relief Team located in his hometown of Urbana, Illinois. This is a Christ-centered partnership of ministries serving through the local church. It brings help, healing and hope to individuals and communities affected by disaster both natural and man-made. These trained volunteers are committed to sharing the hope of Jesus with those whose lives have been impacted by such disasters.

Ken and his crew donate their time, resources and skills. Many times they pay for their own equipment, travel, housing and meals from their own resources. What a blessing this ministry is.

Ken reached out to us earlier this year and had a huge surprise for Grace on Wings. As you can see he has



placed our "Grace on Wings" logo and contact information on his personal trailer that he drives across the country. This gesture has left me speechless. What an unexpected act and honor that he would do this.

Ken, we cannot thank you enough for this thoughtful and sweet gift. We are so happy that God allows you to continue your service.

Be on the lookout for Ken and his trailer and if you should see it please, please honk your horn and give him a "thumbs up." Please continue to pray for his personal safety along with his ministry to others.

Shelli Engle RN

## Mission 604 Promo from August 9, 2019 Indiana to Georgia

One of our patients has gone on to write a book about his entire experience and we would just like to promote it for him.

Larry (Kevin) is a young man who had a stroke when he was only 23. His mom Cheryl is a neuro nurse who has spent her entire career caring for stroke patients just like Kevin. Can you see how God worked in this family!! I found his book very well written and think it could be very encouraging for others in these same circumstances. It is.... DELIVER ME A TRUE STORY by Larry Kevin Garland II