

# On Wings Like Eagles

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## Instrument-Rated Pilot!

Jared is rejoicing in his newly-earned instrument rating (early December). We had previously asked for your prayers as he finished this segment of flight training and can now joyfully invite you to praise God with us that it has been attained! Earning the instrument rating is considered by most pilots to be one of the most difficult parts of flight training, and it certainly feels good to have it behind us.

Future flight training consists of earning the commercial flight certification, followed by an instructor's license, God-willing. Becoming a flight instructor would not only make Jared a better pilot; it would also allow him to earn necessary flight hours (300-500 hrs.) much more quickly and economically.

Please join us in prayer that God would provide the funds for the remainder of Jared's training, whether through an extra job, gifts from members of Christ's body, or a combination of the two. We present this concern to you prayerfully, not trying to manipulate help from you, but knowing that you, as members of our support team, want to be "in the know." Thank the Lord with us that we can learn to trust Him more as we acknowledge our own limitations.

## Of Those Who Believe

In the book of Hebrews we read, "But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of *those who believe and are saved*" (10:39). Prior in this same chapter of the Bible, Paul encourages believers to "draw near to God" sincerely and to encourage each other more and more toward what is holy as the day of Christ's return draws near (10:22-25). These inspired words were written nearly 2,000 years ago, and still they apply to us. World events unfold, and we tremble with reverent anticipation to think that we may be among those that welcome Jesus at His second appearing. It is a fearful and wonderful thought...and in light of this, what action must we take?

*Overseas missions? What's the point?* some may wonder. In view of today's economy and the changes that are sweeping the globe exponentially, how could anyone contemplate taking a family overseas to share the gospel with remote people groups? But here is another question: what if the apostle Paul, or any of the other heroes of the faith who looked daily for Christ's appearing, ignored the Lord's mandate to reach the nations? As the return of Christ draws ever nearer, we find that it is even more urgent to believe and to press on, to gather together with like-minded believers, to encourage each other, and to "hold unswervingly to the hope we profess" (Heb. 10:23).

Our family will continue to pursue mission aviation with gusto! As long as the Lord allows and directs us to do so, we will continue on this path we have begun, and pray that we may be privileged to be a tool to bring the good news to the ends of the earth.

## Joy in the Small Thing(s)

Little Titus is a bundle of wiggles and squeals. His pleasant disposition and toothless grins are a constant joy to us as we learn to slow down and experience the blessing of seeing the world through the wondering eyes of a child, for "the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" (Mt. 19:14b). Our prayer is that he never loses his sense of wonder, but that it matures into astonishment at the greatness and mercy of God.

## White Christmas; New Year's Thaw

We enjoyed a beautiful, sunny week in Colorado with Carol's family over Christmas. "Grampie and Grammie" Carlson got their snuggles in with the baby, as did the young uncles and aunts. It was a fun and refreshing time of visiting with family, fellowshiping with members of the Yampa church, and celebrating Christmas with family traditions both old and new. We returned to a warm Michigan in time to bring in the New Year with the Kresge family and share in the joys of a whopping bout of flu, as well!



## A Slice of Life

Jared spent the bulk of November and December in flight training. January has been another month of aircraft maintenance—of rolled-up shirt sleeves and grease under nails. What a blessing that he can use his God-given talents and problem-solving mind in this way.

Our partnership with Proclaim Aviation Ministries begins its second year in February. Our monthly financial support status continues around 50-60%, and this year we're looking at the reality of visiting various churches to share our ministry with them. We are ever thankful for those of you who faithfully support us through prayer, finances, and friendship.

We remain your friends and fellow believers, grateful for the blessing of life, of love, of the clothing of purity and holiness granted by Jesus Christ.

## How You Can Pray:

Sensitivity to God's direction in our lives

Wisdom to raise a little boy

Evangelism opportunities here and now

Continued growth and unity in our marriage

Provision for practical needs

Safety for Jared in flight and maintenance

Patience as we wait on the Lord and commit our future to Him

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