



## September 2011 Greetings from the Olsons in Spokane, Washington!

Hopefully, in your part of the country, you have had a pleasant summer.

Just as school children get new shoes in the fall, we too, have some new shoes to fill. We are delighted to inform you that as of September 1, we are stepping into a new role as member care mentors with *Proclaim Aviation Ministries*. Our task will involve being advocates/spiritual mentors for many couples in Spokane at Moody Aviation and Spokane Turbine Center. Several of the couples are either maintenance or flight instructors and others are in resource roles helping future missionaries get into global missions as pilots and mechanics.

When we moved to Spokane in 2002, we briefly wondered, "What would we DO in Spokane?" Within a few months, we learned that *Moody Aviation* was moving here from Elizabethton, TN. We began building relationships with aviation students, their wives, and staff, and we "saw" a reason, in addition to being close to our family in Spokane of why we were here. We stepped into shoes of loving aviation students and their families, in Bible studies, small groups, coffee times, dinners at our house, and pre-marital counseling.

After 28 years of flying and flight training with *Mission Aviation Fellowship*, God gave us 15 more years with *Church Dynamics International*, doing Discipleship. CDI has now given us their blessing, to continue mentoring future missionaries at Moody and STC with *Proclaim Aviation*. At this time we are

simply moving from *CDI* to *Proclaim Aviation* at *Proclaim's* invitation to be a presence in Spokane for at least these 13 couples. Our home will hopefully be a home away from home for them, and we hope to be a blessing.

This assignment with *Proclaim* is a gift from God. With the ways that God has gifted us with an aviation background, lifestyle of hospitality, moves around the world in differing cultures for over 30 years, and life experience in trusting our All-Powerful God, we humanly feel matched to the task. But, without God we can do nothing, according to John 15. We know God is leading us and we ask you to follow us to *Proclaim Aviation* and pray for us. It is as if we are putting on a pair of comfortable slippers as we begin to intentionally invite others into our lives, home and walk with God. We have lots of "sole/soul" on our shoes and in our hearts to be used for HIS Glory.

As you see students go off to school, please pray that we too, students of people and His WORD, will walk wisely in the new shoes God has given us. We invite you to share financially in our lives and work.

Please send any tax deductible gifts to:

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We appreciate your friendship.

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