

# a new *Vision*

Many of you have already heard our big news, but for those of you that haven't, here it is—**we are returning to mission aviation!**

Over the last several years, Angie and I have often had discussions about what it could look like to return to a role in mission aviation. The ministry of Righteous Rides meets a critical need and we have loved being a part of caring for the missionary families that use our vans. Our ten years serving as a pilot/mechanic family in Brazil with Wycliffe Bible Translators were also extremely fulfilling and valuable, and a desire to apply our training and experience in the mission aviation context has remained. We have considered different options at different times, but until recently the Lord has always made it clear that it wasn't time to make a change.

In October, we visited friends who serve at SMAT, "School of Missionary Aviation Technology," in Ionia, Michigan. SMAT provides students with training in aircraft maintenance and flight, with a focus on preparing them to serve the Lord in mission aviation. In December, I was offered a position to join the flight training team, giving initial flight instruction and mentoring students as they prepare to serve in aviation overseas. After much prayer and counsel and conversations, we accepted!

We are so thankful for the opportunity to join the work taking place at SMAT. It is exciting to know that we can help mentor these students preparing to serve in mission aviation and join the SMAT team in its purpose: to make an impact for God's Kingdom through aviation.

## **A new vision for us:**

training the next generation of mission aviators.

## **But the same mission:**

to be a part of reaching the nations with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

April 2018

## News from the **Kimball** family



Paul & Angie



Ellie, Isaac, Lucas, Megan, & John

### **Kimball's: Past, Present, Future**

- 2000-2009: Served as a pilot/mechanic family with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Brazil
- 2010-2018: Served missionary families on furlough with Righteous Rides in Missouri
- June 2018: Begin serving in mission aviation training with SMAT in Michigan



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# PRAISE & PRAYER

**PRAISE:** Our house sold after being on the market for 5 days!

**PRAISE:** Lucas got into a charter school in Grand Rapids that looks like a great school for his senior year.

**PRAYER:** We need wisdom in decisions regarding buying or renting a house, school for John and Ellie, and for all the upcoming events...

**April 30** - Paul's last day at Righteous Rides

**May** - visit supporters, build our partnership team, pack

**June** - move north!

**July** - Paul works on flight proficiency, get settled

**August** - school starts for the kids and for Paul

## *Are you still missionaries?*

Yes! We will continue to trust the Lord to bring in our monthly support.

SMAT utilizes "on loan" staff members from various mission organizations which enables them to keep costs down for students, while bringing qualified pilots with valuable field experience into the flight department.

In order for us to serve in full-time ministry at SMAT, **our family has joined Proclaim Aviation Ministries**, an organization that specifically works to bridge the gap between the needs on the mission field and the aviators preparing to serve there. One of the ways they do this is by providing staff for missionary aviation training programs like SMAT.

As full-time missionaries with Proclaim assigned to SMAT, we get to be a part of equipping families to share the love of Jesus in remote areas of the world where aviation provides access to medical care, transportation, and the gospel. We would love for you to join us in this ministry!

If you are already a part of our support team, please accept our sincere gratitude for your faithful prayers and gifts. We would be honored and blessed if you would like to continue to partner with us as we serve at SMAT. If you have not been a part of our team, we would be so glad for you to join us!

If you would like to receive email updates, join our prayer team, or set up a monthly or one-time donation, you can fill out the enclosed card and mail it to Proclaim. You may also give online using the link below.

THANK YOU for praying for our family as we make this transition. We are trusting the Lord to work out all the details and look forward to sharing how He provides!

With thanks and love,  
*Paul and Angie*



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