

# Exciting News!



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Dear Friends and Family,

We have some exciting news! Ben and I are in the process of applying with MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship). During the past year, we had been praying about what God had next for us and where he would like us to serve. Over time, God slowly revealed that the next step was to apply and serve with MAF with hopes to serve overseas in Africa as aircraft mechanics.

*"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?" Matt 16:24-26*

In addition to our paper application to MAF, we have a technical evaluation coming up in the summertime. This is a week-long practical exam to see if we have the mechanical competence to work overseas as mechanics. If we pass, we will get the go ahead to officially join with MAF and can start the long process of preparing to move overseas. If you would like to learn more about MAF, please follow the link: <https://maf.org/>

On a more sincere note, inflation and increased costs of living in the U.S, has caused us to lose several of our supporters this last year. Because of this, we need to raise \$500 of monthly support to cover what we lost. If you believe that God has put it on your heart, please contact us or giving at [proclaimaviation.org](http://proclaimaviation.org).

Another bit of exciting news is that we are making progress on our Green Card application! We hadn't heard anything from the USCIS since May of last year, so we were thrilled to receive a letter a few weeks ago asking us to submit the final documents. We are hoping that by the end of this summer, I will have my Green Card in hand. This opens opportunities for me to work and travel to see my family!



Ben and I got to be a part of 2023 youth winter retreat at our church this year. It was a great opportunity to get to know the kids on a deeper level and be a part of their lives. This year, we talked about the four different types of soil and how there is no heart too hard for God to work through. It was an exhausting weekend, and we did not sleep much, but it was a great time building trust and connection with the kids. We have been blessed to witness the younger generation of our church growing in their knowledge of Christ.



### Prayer Request:

- Please pray for us as we apply for MAF. We have a medical checkup in March, paper application due in June, and a technical exam due in July. Ever since we started our decision with MAF, we have been experiencing spiritual warfare and feelings of discouragement. We need your prayers to stay strong in the Lord as we continue with our decision to join MAF.
- Pray that our application for our Green Card will be accepted and in hand by this summer.
- We need to increase our monthly support to \$500 to match our salary. Pray that God will move and bring the right people into our path.

### Praising Points:

- Ben's sister Sarah came to visit us this winter! We had a great time night skiing on Mt. Spokane even though the weather dropped to a freezing 10° F (-12° C)!!
- God has been incredibly faithful in the past few months as He led us to MAF. He has been evident in all the details.

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