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KINGDOM AIR CORPS

Haul Trip

What is the “Haul Trip”? It is what we call it when we “haul” supplies to the remote Brooks Range Bible Camp location. This trip consists of 550 miles of driving on “highway” and 30 miles on an “Ice Road” with pickups and trailers, then 37 miles with snowmachines and freight-sleds, one way! While there, we like to get firewood for the lodge and cabins for the cool July nights. The alternative is flying things in. Some materials do not fit in the planes, and the amount of weight makes some materials hard to fly. Each snowmachine can pull 2x the weight that our 206 can fly in each trip! Plus, freighting these materials now rather than in June gives us time to focus on flight training, in order to have everything in place for camp in July.

This year, we plan to put an addition onto the lodge! The added space will be a food pantry and craft and medical supplies storage room. We would like to take materials for the addition, 1500 gallons of AvGas for flying the kids to Bible Camp this July, and some of the dried goods and consumables for the kitchen. Without transportation costs, these materials will cost roughly \$16,000 total.

Please be praying with us while we prepare for this trip. Pray that the logistics will come together so that the Gospel can be clearly shared with each camper that attends camp this summer, and that the KAC flight students will experience first-hand the impact that mission aviation makes in sharing the Gospel in remote areas. If you want to be a part of this trip, you can donate towards this cost of sharing the Gospel in remote Alaska by designating your gift to “Brooks Range Bible Camp.”

Report from the Hangar

Even though we continue flight training through the winter months here at Kingdom Air Corps, the flight hours are considerably less than our summer training months. This allows the aircraft maintenance staff to focus on long-term projects and make upgrades to our fleet. Our main project this winter has been converting a Cessna 150 with tricycle gear (meaning it has main landing gear and a nose wheel) to a taildragger (meaning it has main landing gear and a tailwheel). The airplane was recently donated and many parts for the conversion were donated as well. A common request from students is to receive their tailwheel endorsement while they are here training. This aircraft, with its conversion, will be a good tool in preparing missionaries with greater technical skills. We are very thankful to all those who have been a part of this project. We do have a need for an updated alternator system on this aircraft. If you have a desire to be a part of this project, designate your gift as “N2580J.”

Triplex Update

Praise the LORD for your generous donations that have provided the rest of the funds needed to complete the triplex project. Earlier this winter our friends, the Shawbacks, came and gave their time to install the boiler and hot water heater. We are nearly finished with the mechanical and currently working to finish the plumbing with the goal of being ready for sheetrock this spring.

Flight Training

There are currently four students training in AK for their Private, Commercial, CFI and CFII.

Congratulations Stuart for passing his Commercial Pilot's License checkride!



What Does Dwayne Do In The Winter?

Kathy and I leave Alaska every fall and head for our home in Greencastle, Pennsylvania. I made my 65th trip on the Alaska highway since 1968, hauling a large heavy trailer of airplane parts, vehicles, missionary goods and supplies to support many KAC projects.

Many stops are made to speak and recruit volunteers and student pilots as I make my way across the country. The same is true as I return to Alaska in the spring, usually with a huge load of building materials, tractors, and other pieces of equipment, most of which has been donated by faithful mission supporters. The Lord has blessed us with generous donations every year since KAC was founded, and 30 years before that as I served with SEND International, as well.

All winter at Rocktop Airport in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, Jerry Casey, one of our experienced flight instructors does flight training with students, and works in the hangar. His wife, Jane, often serves as our flight dispatcher. They also travel to churches and mission conferences, representing Kingdom Air Corps.

Our aircraft mechanics in the hangar are very busy rebuilding older aircraft and maintaining newer aircraft, such as our Cessna 172, two Cessna 150's, a Cessna 210, a Piper 235, and a Piper Warrior. Volunteer Zac Adams has worked full time in the hangar maintaining the fleet with annuals and 100-hour inspections.

Students from Appalachian Bible College, located in Beckley, WV, travel to Pennsylvania on school breaks for flight training. Tim Borden, Lena Cherkosova, and many others have also received flight training in the winter in Pennsylvania. This year, it's been a great blessing to have Andrew and Masha Lindsay from Far East Russia here instructing and maintaining the aircraft in our well-maintained shop donated by the local tractor company.

Since April, 2018, the Pennsylvania winter base has been a very important connection to our whole KAC support base. Representing KAC at LeTourneau University's mission week, at Appalachian Bible College's mission week, at Frontier School of the Bible, and other Christian colleges and churches has proven to be fruitful for connecting with missionary students interested in flight training, and for networking with other mission-minded people.

We are grateful not only to our Alaska friends, volunteers, and supporters, but also to the many hundreds of you who live in the lower 48. It is a blessing to visit with you in our winter travels each year and we thank you for your continuing support of Kingdom Air Corps.

Giving Opportunities

KAC was blessed with a matching grant back in December that will help with the building projects planned for this summer. THANK YOU everyone who participated in that! Over \$66,000 was raised, then matched!

While it is wonderful to have funds to continue on these projects that will grow and expand KAC to greater equip us to further the gospel, donations to run the day-to-day activities are greatly needed.

Operations and aircraft maintenance are the biggest areas of need. We can't train missionary pilots without working aircraft, and we like to be able to provide things like hot water and electricity, which is what funding "Operations" does.

Please pray that God would continue providing!

If you like things like hot showers and well-maintained airplanes, consider making a donation by scanning this code or going to <https://kingdomaircorps.org/give/>



THANK YOU!