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KINGDOM AIR CORPS

How do you like the pictures in this newsletter?
Each picture tells a lot of very important stories about who, what, and why you are praying for Kingdom Air Corps. We've been talking lately about the impact of these stories upon the decisions, the experiences, and the future of what's behind those pictures: planes, projects, people. And there are volumes that could be written about these three words at Kingdom Air Corps.
People that I converse with (most of you know I make lots of friends) often ask me what I do. I say, "Well, most of my life- as far back as I can remember- and ministry can also be put into three words: I've just carried, married, and buried as a pilot, pastor, and church planter."
Basically, that is what we are doing in these pictures. The missionary pilots that we're training are heading for varied careers, but we're training people who have a desire to have a ministry career. Please pray that every pilot, mechanic, instructor, and administrator at KAC has the opportunity and wisdom to mentor our students in ministry this summer. It's going on right now as you read this.
Thank you for your prayers and support of what we're doing for God's kingdom.

Thanks,
Dwayne King
Executive Director

Tailwheel Training

WORK TEAMS
We have had two work teams here already! The first team was from Palmyra, Pennsylvania. Dave Ludwig led the team with Jeremy Buck, Brian Meyer and Justin Lutiz. The area where the summer cabins and RVs are going to be moved to needed to be cleared. Chain saws, weed wackers, rakes, and a lot of muscle went in to opening up the field. Down went the spruce, birch, alder and cottonwood trees and shoots! They did a great job!! The first step of many with the goal of having the last team of the 7 teams move the cabins and RVs to the new area. Other teams will doze the area, install the plumbing and electrical for all the units, and put in the center road.
Our second team from Hillcrest Baptist Church in Kernersville, North Carolina refinished our Riverview House! What a great help in preserving the beautiful home! What a joy to have Mark and Shannon Broadnax and Brad Benson! Hard work, long days and huge smiles were the standard--all while planes were taking off and landing nearby!
Thank you teams for coming to give of your time all for the goal of training Missionary Pilots to take the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the remote places of the world!

There's a hole in the . . .

Brooks Range Bible Camp Lodge!!

We are praising the Lord for His protection from more damage after a bear smashed/poked a hole in the Lodge wall by the summer water system. The bear just reached his paw into the Kitchen area of the Lodge pulling some empty totes out. No more damage was done thankfully!
Please be praying as a Team from Remembrance Ranch in Holland, Michigan will be working on building the addition onto the Lodge June 26-July 3. Thank you for all who donated towards that project! We look forward to having more space in the Lodge to minister to the Campers from the surrounding Villages!

Praying for Brooks Range Bible Camp July 13-27!
Kids Camp July 15-19
Teen Camp July 21-26

Summer Training Session
May 14- Sept 5, 2026

Jonny Arsenault

Jonny is originally from Centennial, Colorado but is now living in Palmer, Alaska.
Flight rating goal: **Commercial Rating. (Achieved June 25, 2026!) and more mountain flying.**
Jonny would like to minister to youth in Alaska or overseas. He is involved in the Zoom Bible study with the guys from Brooks Range Bible Camp. He will be helping lead the BRBC guys Bible Study at Camp in July.

McKenna Cooke

McKenna was born in Michigan, but grew up in Wewak, Papua New Guinea
Flight rating goal: **Commercial Rating.**
She is currently considering Samaritan Aviation, but she is striving to hold her plans with open hands, trusting God to lead her where He wants her. The only mission she is absolutely confident she wants to be part of is HIS mission. She will go anywhere and do anything — and if He calls her to serve with Samaritan Aviation... well, that would be absolutely epic!

Alex Hilbert

Wife Tori, kids Jordan & Amyah
Alex and family are from Wyoming, then Arizona to pursue a more professional aviation career, then they moved back to Casper, Wyoming, and now Alaska!
F*light rating goal:* **Instrument Rating.**
His heart has always been to serve Mexico or Central and South America. But, he is fully relying on God to direct the location. He would love to be part of church planting or language ministries.

Mikaela Hipp

Mikaela is originally from Spokane, Washington, but she moved in 2024 to Eagle River, Alaska.
Flight rating goal: Finish her **Private Pilot License** and then start her **Commercial Rating**.
She feels that the Lord is leading her to Alaska missions: working with remote villages and sharing the love of Christ with everyone she meets along the way.

Nathan Hipp

Nathan is originally from Spokane, Washington, but he moved in 2024 to Eagle River, Alaska.
Flight rating goal: **Instrument Rating.**
Nathan is interested in serving in Alaska. He is looking possibly into SEND North or InterAct Ministries.

Lance Lilley

Lance is from Pennsylvania and Papua New Guinea
Flight rating goal: **Private Pilot License** and maybe some ratings.
He feels the Lord is leading him to serve in Papua New Guinea with Ethnos 360.

Joshua Meeker

Wife Madeline, Avalyn 4, Elias 2, Ivan 5 months
Joshua and family are from Montrose, Colorado
*Flight rating goal:***Private Pilot License.**
"Though the call to missions is clear, the direction and location are not so clear. I know that I have been called to be a missionary pilot. I am taking each step by faith knowing that God will guide me to where He wants me to go. I do not yet know where the needs are, I just know that there is a need. Luke 10:2 Then He said to them, "the harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." Even if I am not to be a pilot, I am to be a missionary."

Breck Miller

Breck was born in Pennsylvania, but spent most of his childhood in a village located in the Amazon jungles of Venezuela.
Flight rating goal: **Private Pilot License (he soloed June 24, 2026)**
He feels the Lord calling him to use aviation in Venezuela..

Nathan Mugford

Nathan is originally from Wisconsin, then his family moved up to Glennallen, Alaska in 2010. In 2020 he moved to the Palmer area to attend Alaska Bible College. He has stayed in the area to work at Birchwood Christian school.
Flight rating goal: **Private Pilot License.**
He was drawn toward mission aviation while considering how he could serve God in Alaska with his elementary education degree. As a Christian teacher, he wishes to reach children in remote areas of the state with the truth of the Gospel. He believes having a pilot's license will be an important step in preparing for life in the interior.

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Kevin Orr

Kevin is from Fort Worth, Texas
Flight rating goal: **Instrument Rating.**
He would like to fly in northern Mexico, working with the Tarahumara people. He has been working alongside different churches across Mexico 2-3 months a year for the last 6 years and with the Tarahumara the last 3 years. But he feels most involved at the Tarahumara orphanage at the base of the mountain range in Northern Mexico where they are in the early stages of building a medical clinic.

Cademon Ray

Cademon is from Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Flight rating goal: **Private Pilot License**
"I believe that the Lord is directing me to mission aviation to teach me how to better serve and help people, specifically in Alaska. My end goal is to become equipped for the Lord to use me for every good work. "

Keegan Schmidt

Keegan lives in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley in Churchville, Virginia. He spent half his childhood in Nairobi, Kenya as a missionary kid.
Flight rating goal: **Private Pilot license**.
At the moment he strongly believe God has led him to KAC for a reason. As far as long term goes, he doesn't know yet. He is trusting the Lord will guide as he takes the next step.

Chloe Tesser

Chloe is from Longview, Texas.
Flight rating goal: **Private Pilot License.**
Chloe is not yet sure where she is being led in mission aviation, but she is trying to trust and listen to whatever the Lord has for her.

Annamarie van der Meijden

Annamarie is a Canadian/American currently living in the Netherlands. She grew up in Africa as a missionary kid and has lived in quite a few different countries, but home base for her has always been Canada.
Flight rating goal: **High Performance + Complex endorsements (She achieved her High Performance endorsement!) tailwheel & mountain flying.**
She senses that the Lord is leading her to serve back in Africa somewhere as a missionary pilot and aircraft mechanic. She is currently in the onboarding process with MAF.

Simon Wichael

Simon is originally from Colorado, but has relocated to Wasilla, Alaska.
Flight rating goal: **Tailwheel, High Performance** and **Complex**. **(He achieved his High Performance endorsement!)**
Simon sees that ministry to his generation needs to be different. He and his wife Bethany want to to be faithful here now and serve wherever they can.

Stuart McQuillin

Stuart is from Palmer, Alaska.
He is volunteering as a **Flight Instructor** for the summer training session. He has been a student here and now can help train the current students.
Stuart is interested in serving in Alaska but also his heart is turning toward Papua New Guinea with Samaritan Aviation or Ethnos 360.

Luke Pierce

Luke is originally from Virginia, but has relocated to Palmer, Alaska.
He is volunteering as a **Flight Instructor** for the Summer Training Session. He trained with us last summer and winter. Great that he can help train the new students as he looks into some missionary aviation organizations overseas.

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Cessna 206 Training: Mixing Practical Ministry with Flight Training!

Annamarie van der Meijden, one of our missionary flight students, along with Instructor Ryan Hokuf, put her training in the Cessna 206 to practical use, ministering to a family connected with Kingdom Air Corps.

The flight to Homer, Alaska involved multiple stops at a variety of airstrips, navigating weather, and a visit to another Alaska based ministry. A day of great training and experience building for Annamarie flying seven hours and using the airplane to bless others while further equipping her in her preparations of serving with Mission Aviation Fellowship.

If you are interested in praying for Annamarie and knowing more of how you can help her serve with MAF, visit her website: www.wingsoffaith.nl