

## Eagle Flight Aviation Ministries Spring 2014 Newsletter

### This is your Captain Speaking:



My how the Lord uses time to change things. I was just reading over the newsletter from the fall of 2012 and what was on my heart at that time. When we first moved here to Washington our thoughts were that we would be here for two years with Trinity while I finished my A&P, and then be off to the Philippines. But God had other plans!! The longer we have been here, the more God has made it quite clear to Jennifer and I that the Pacific Northwest will be the headquarters for Eagle Flight, and our home base. I still have the Philippines on my heart and I know we will be doing a lot of work there as well as bringing Filipino flight students here eventually.

We are very excited about what the Lord is doing here and how he has made this place our home, and now we have so much news to share with you all. So much that I don't really know where to start!

Eagle Flight now has a new home, and we feel that this will be a much more permanent home for us. As of February of this year, Jennifer and I are now the owners of SpanaFlight, a full service fixed base operator at Pierce County Thun Field in Puyallup, Washington. Right now we are partnered with another owner but plan to soon purchase the facility outright under Eagle Flight and run it as a ministry business to support Eagle Flight and our students. It is the setup I have been dreaming about for a long time to use for training the students with a full maintenance shop providing great opportunities for our students to build shop experience on real working aircraft. It also has an FAA testing center for students to take their required tests and a full flight school providing aircraft for flight training. AND.....

Our student family is growing, praise the Lord!! Tim Brown and Jessica LaVelle have passed their Private Pilot Certification and are now working on their instrument ratings. We have welcomed Tina Worthington (who is on staff with our partner ministry, Harmony International Ministries) as well as John DeHaan and Joe Smith to the family. This summer we are looking forward to David Pittman, one of my students from Kansas City, making his way to Washington for his training and we are excited to get him out here. The Lord just keeps making new connections and bringing in new students to Eagle Flight, there are more in the works to announce at a later time.

On April 7<sup>th</sup> we had an open house/dedication of SpanaFlight and a kick-off of Eagle Flight Aviation Ministries. We were blessed to have over 100 people come out for a



beautiful evening of great food, scenery and sunshine. What a testimony of the work God is doing here in Western Washington with four different churches and three ministries that Eagle Flight is working with represented there. God is so good!!

### BearHawk Build

The Bearhawk build is back on and rolling forward. As many of you know, the Bearhawk is an experimental aircraft that can be built from scratch using raw materials. It has been my dream for a long time to build several of these aircraft for two purposes: one, to provide mechanic students with the required skills needed to work toward their FAA certification and two, to provide a good solid missions type aircraft for training students as well as sending out into the mission field.



Thanks to the Lord providing a full working maintenance shop with all of the tools required to build these incredible aircraft, as well as two maintenance students ready and willing to put their skills to work, we are once again moving forward with the Bearhawk Build. A new set of plans have been ordered and work will begin soon. We continue to pray for the funding to come in so that we will be able to build this aircraft and the skills these students need.

### The Beyer Family

As the Lord continues to lead us in different and sometimes unexpected directions, He is still leading the vision for our family. I am still working toward my A&P certification, working with the mechanics in the SpanaFlight shop. We are working to get the shop ready to bring in apprentice mechanic students soon so there is a lot that has to get done.

Jennifer is working hard on the food ministry. What started as a once or twice a week bread pick up has become an almost full time job working with our awesome food ministry partners. If you didn't see the post on FaceBook a few weeks ago, they have now moved over 60,000+ pieces of bread (1 piece is 1 loaf, bag of bagels etc) since January!! That is a lot of bread, and does not count all of the other food that is being moved either. Soon we will have students distributing much of this food by aircraft around the state.

Our kids are working hard at school on projects and homework, all 5 of them! Yes, I said 5. We have had an addition to



our family, Jessica has moved in and has quickly become part of our family, doing pretty much everything with us. It has been such a blessing having her around and Kayleigh loves having another girl in the house to hang out with. Tyler loves having her around to challenge him on the piano and Andrew and Caleb just like hanging out playing soccer and legos. It is such a joy to have all of the music playing in the house.

### Prayer Requests:

We greatly long for and appreciate your prayers. The following is a list of specific things we would like to ask you to pray with us about:

- 1) Housing – We have been incredibly blessed with what God has provided in our house, it has been a huge blessing during our time here. We are, however, quickly outgrowing our current house and we need the Lord to provide something bigger as we prepare for even more students to join the Eagle Flight family.
- 2) Along the same lines, we need a larger van, a much larger van. Currently we fill up our little mini-van to the max pretty much any time we go somewhere. Add on top of that the food ministry Jennifer is involved with and it puts a lot of wear and tear on our van.
- 3) We are praying for provision for Eagle Flight and the projects we have on our hearts to begin and/or complete. The vision God has placed on our hearts is big, very big. And we have a big God that is faithful to the calling He has placed us in.

Your prayers are needed as we continue this great adventure He has called us on. Thank you for being a part of the work God is doing in the Pacific Northwest and throughout the world. Please feel free to contact us for any reason.

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