



## The Great Adventure

As I sit down to write this, the Michael W Smith song “Great Adventure” rings through my head. This is a very fitting song for the news we have to give you all. This is the first of many newsletters to come for Eagle Flight and the great adventure God has called us to. I want to first, before getting into the new news, say thank you for all of the support we have gotten from everyone from the beginning of this ministry

I want to share a little bit of history of Eagle Flight. My desire from the very beginning back in 2008 was to serve God using aviation. At that time, Jennifer and I were working as youth pastors, as we are now, and the vision God began to develop was to work with youth using airplanes and aviation. So for the last several years I have been working with some great young (and young at heart) pilots who have the desire to serve the Lord with airplanes. We have seen several pilots move through their first solo flights, pass check rides for the Private Pilot certificates and even moving on to fly advanced airplanes. I have enjoyed working with all of those God has placed in my path and given me the privilege of working with, to train for the opportunity to go out and fulfill the “Great Commission” to go to out to the world and serve. However deep in my heart there has always been a desire to be the one to go, to fly missions, specifically in the Philippines. God had placed the Philippines on my heart even well before Jennifer and I got to go visit in 2010 and the desire to fly missions for the Lord there has been very strong.

After having several long conversations and even visits with many of the groups like JAARS and MAF over the last couple of years, I was feeling that my opportunity to be the one to “go” was not there. I was getting close to the age cut-off for most of their operations, I didn’t have my mechanics certification with no visible way to get it and it just was not on Jennifer’s heart to go this path. I was learning to be content to stay in the place God had placed me, running the flight school and training those who would be the ones to go out and fly missions. But God!!!!

But God had other plans for our lives. Earlier this year God began to lay on Jennifer’s heart that it was time for some big changes with our family. Then in July we really began to feel the call for us to go into full time missions and the discussion and prayer began. God was opening and closing doors that were taking us in the direction of going into missions full time with the focus on going to the Philippines. After talking with our pastors and many others we knew this was where God was taking us.

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The Beyer family is headed to the mission field, to the Philippines after a little more training. We will be moving to the state of Washington, to a little town called Eatonville where there is a training center called Trinity Aviation Academy that focuses specifically on training missionary pilots. There I will work to get my Airframe and Power Plant mechanics certification as well as receive training towards my float plane rating (flying off of the water) and gain further experience in flying in all weather conditions into and out of very tough mountain airstrips. All of this is to gain the experience needed to go where God has called us to go, to the Philippines. We will be in Eatonville, about 40 miles south of Seattle, for about two years doing this training before moving to the Philippines.

As far as Eagle Flight goes, the vision for it remains the same. It has always been my desire to provide transportation to ministry as well as training missions' pilots. These two objectives as well as working with youth using aviation will still be there. At Trinity I will still be working to train missionary pilots while going through my training. Once in the Philippines I will be providing transportation to ministry travelling throughout the Philippines as well as fulfilling my vision to train Filipino pilots for missions.

Eagle Flight is in the transition to operate as a fully equipped missions sending ministry with plans to send us as well as many future missionary pilots into the field. The board has decided to take us on as full time missionaries to be sent out; therefore we will be fully supported by Eagle Flight as missionaries. Any donations that come into Eagle Flight will go directly to supporting us through the training phase and on into the Philippines. Eagle Flight will have full tax exemption status by the end of the year, so everything that comes in to support us or our mission will be eligible for tax deductions.

There are still a lot of questions that we don't have the full answers too just yet. But we trust the Lord to provide all that is needed for His calling on our lives. We know that He has called us to this and that, as we submit to His calling He will take care of all our needs.

Thank you again for all of the support since the beginning. We ask that you continue to pray for us and support us through this new adventure. We will keep up to date with everyone through this newsletter as well as Facebook and a new blog I will start up soon. You can also check out the updated Eagle Flight website.

So, Washington here we come. Will you join us as we continue this GREAT ADVENTURE?