

Eagle Flight Aviation

Spring 2015 Newsletter



This is your captain speaking:

I promise I am trying to get better at getting these newsletters out to you all!!! This particular newsletter has been the most difficult to get done for several reasons. Many of you have asked how things are going and where we are at now so I will try to answer as best as I can.

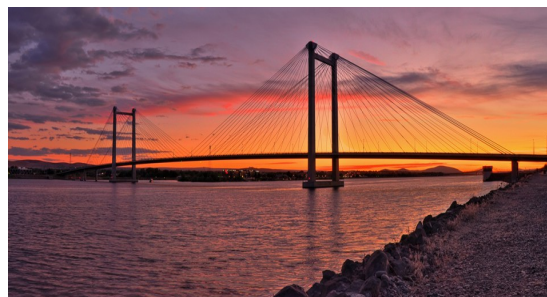
Last February The Lord opened a door in a direction that fit the plan and vision for Eagle Flight perfectly, and for several months we moved forward with the path He opened. The students were building flight experience through the flight school planes and maintenance experience through the shop. Things were lining up perfectly for the vision God had set forth for Eagle Flight. Suddenly in December, just as quick as the door was opened, that door was slammed shut, bringing an end to both our ability to train our students and a regular paycheck for our family.

We decided to take an early Christmas break the middle of December so the students went home and our family made a month long road trip back to visit family in Kansas while we sought The Lord as to where He was taking us and the ministry. Knowing that our rental agreement for our house ended at the end of January, we returned to Eatonville with an anticipation to see what God was going to do. With no job or income we were not sure where He was taking us, so the last day of January we moved all of our house into a storage unit and went to stay with some great friends that opened up their home in Puyallup to an extra seven people.

Since separating from my job in December I had applied for several flight positions in the area and none of them seemed to be opening up even though I was well qualified for any of them. It didn't make sense. But we could feel the Lord shutting doors left and right, even doors we thought were wide open, and directing us to exactly where He wanted us to be. A week into February we began feeling the pull to look into what God might have in store

for Eagle Flight in the Tri-Cities area in central Washington. Why the Tri-Cities? Our parent ministry, Harmony International Ministries (H.I.M.), which God had connected us to several months before, is based in Kennewick Washington and their leadership desired for us to be there.

The more I got to know about the area, the more it started to make sense for us to be there. The weather and flight environments are much more conducive for flight training with over 340 flyable days a year (as compared to less than 250 in western Washington) and there are wide open areas to fly over for training. Add to that the fact that the area is surrounded by mountains to the east, south and west, it's only an hour flight from Seattle, Spokane, Boise or Portland, and a prime training area to simulate terrain conditions for places missionary pilots fly often and it was hard to argue that we shouldn't at least check things out.



Tri-Cities Cable Bridge at sunset.



Cable Bridge at night.

We set up a long weekend to see friends and explore any opportunities God might open, with plans to return to Puyallup on Monday. Shortly before our departure for the trip we found out that our return plans had fallen through and we had nowhere to come back to after the weekend. We knew God had spoken to go over so we packed up everything we had with us in the van and trailer and my car, and off we went to explore this new direction.

We have now been in Kennewick for just over two months, staying with an awesome family that opened their home up even when it made no sense. Since arriving here we have looked into houses, apartments, jobs and pretty much everything else "needed" to survive and once again the doors just keep closing. Yet The Lord keeps saying to stay, stand and wait. Our work here has been great, helping with jobs like remodeling a bathroom, building a new stage at the church, and taking care of a newborn (that was all Jennifer and Kayleigh!!), and we have watched The Lord knit these two families together in ways that only He could do.

In all of our searching, planning, excitement and frustration The Lord just keeps saying "WAIT, what is ahead is so great and perfect." Waiting is a tough thing to do especially when it goes against everything my mind is thinking and the advice so many people are giving. I will admit that I have been, many times, ready to give up and just go home. But every time I start to feel ready to give up God sends a peace and speaks a word that sustains us and keeps us moving forward in His vision.

So we will stand and see the salvation of The Lord and continue to move in His direction. I continue to work on the formal needs of the training program, writing and editing the complete flight training syllabus to train the students. I am also working on the discipleship training material for our missions students. We are expectantly waiting for some great things to come soon, like housing for us and our students and aircraft for training. We know He has positioned us here with purpose and planning, and He will bring all things to pass. We really appreciate you all remembering and praying for us as we seek The Lord.

Prayer Requests:

- Financial provision for our family. We need The Lord to open doors for our monthly requirements whether through a job or consistent ministry support.
- The ability for our family to rent a house or apartment or the provision to purchase a home to be used as the Eagle Flight base of operations.
- Continued direction and patience in the ways He is calling us to move forward with this ministry.
- Strength for our family as we work to keep a consistent and "normal" life with homeschooling and everyday family situations through this time.

Contact Us:

Please feel free to contact us at any time with questions or comments. We love to hear from you all and enjoy the encouragement any time.

Eagle Flight Aviation Ministries

joel@eagleflightaviation.org

913-707-5475