

"Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named..."

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Update on Activities

I trust that this newsletter finds each one of you doing well, rejoicing in the goodness of God, and looking forward to what *HE* has in store for you in the days ahead! The past six months have been full with pilot training, airmen testing, aircraft maintenance, aircraft and property maintenance, missionary family visits, and the institution of a 'new field' of service.

During **December-January**, we conducted initial private pilot training with Noah Clarke (missionary to Brazil) who is preparing to work alongside the Duarte family in their ministry work both in and out of Alta Floresta. Lord-willing, Noah will be arriving in country this summer and beginning language school in Sao Paulo. Be in prayer for him as he continues forward in his preparations for mission field service!



It was a tremendous blessing to have Missionary/Builder CJ White, two of his sons, and Bro. Stephen Daugherty from Lighthouse Baptist Church in

Theodore, AL spend a week with us in **February** to put a new roof on our house at the *AERO Farm*. There had begun to be some more significant water issues, requiring this project to be accomplished on a more urgent timeline. God orchestrated the timing perfectly (as only He can do), provided a good week of weather (in February!), and allowed this to be completed prior to the heavier rainy months ahead. We're "back in the dry" again!



Preparing to install 6 cylinders on the C182

February, March, and April have included significant time spent on aircraft maintenance, including annual inspections, repairs, and more in-depth engine work on two of our ministry aircraft. Our goal is to be carefully diligent in our work doing these maintenance events, ensuring not only the airworthiness of these machines but also investing the necessary time and funding to ensure a seamless operation while the aircraft is deployed to a mission field or is being used in training here.



For God's Glory...

In late January, Bro. Duarte was operating a routine trip with his family "up north" into one of the Amazonian tribes that they've been ministering to for a few years now. Due to encountering some unforeseen inclement weather while en route, they choose to discontinue their present direction and divert to a nearby jungle airstrip. The weather cleared later on, and the following morning they prepared for their departure. However, God had another plan in store...

Shortly before departure, a component of the aircraft's ignition system had a catastrophic failure, most likely due to metallic fatigue over time. "Grounded" once again, they made the most of the situation and were able to share the gospel with the local people over the weekend while waiting for a boat to take them out.

Beyond that, however, the Lord used this undesirable situation to open up another opportunity for access into a new tribe of people as a result of this stranding ... God makes no mistakes! In the moment, the hardest thing sometimes to see is that, like Paul said in Philippians, *"the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel."*



New access area in Brazil

Fun & Fellowship!

We enjoyed having both the **Paul Bach family (Alaska/Canada)** and the **Jed Duarte family (Brazil)** here during the first half of April – It was a blessing to fly, to feast, and to fellowship together with our families! It is an honor for us at AERO to stand behind them and support them in their mission field endeavors, and we are richly blessed to count them as friends.



Jon S., Jed D., Daniel K., and Paul B.



The Missionary Kids Corner!



Preparing for a training flight

Outreach Opportunity on the Western Frontier

In 2022, Bro. Ryan Glinski attended the first summer training internship at *AERO Missions*. More than just a former student of ours and a product of our program, Ryan has become a good friend and is being used by the Lord. A year or so ago, Ryan called me and was telling me of somewhat rural areas out west (NE Arizona) that he believed have few-to-no gospel preaching churches, and he was discussing the potential of conducting some evangelistic outreach work in these places. We felt led to simply offer the use of an airplane when he was ready to commence the work.

Last month, Dan and I ferried the ministry's C182 out to the Grand Canyon airport in NE Arizona and set up a small operations base for Ryan.



He and his soon-to-be-wife, Alayna, will be conducting regular trips from GCN to a few outlying towns and simply sharing the gospel with folks there through personal evangelism, children's Bible clubs, and other avenues that God allows them to have. We're excited about this "new horizon" and ask you to pray for the Glinski's and for the people to whom they will minister. God's Word changes lives, and this is an opportunity to proclaim His Word to people needing Christ!



Attending Ryan's ordination service; Flagstaff, AZ



Events Upcoming ...

Thank you for your continued prayer support and financial giving to make *AERO Missions* possible – we are grateful to God for your part!

We've just completed commercial pilot requirements with Micah Weldy (returning intern); additionally, we're preparing the Cessna floatplane for its return to Alaska/Canada next month. Sometime in the next few weeks, my wife will be giving birth to our 4th child – Praise the Lord for the gift of life! And on June 1st, we'll jump into another summer of flight training with two new interns here at *AERO*.

I look forward to the next update and sharing what God has done –

Jon Stanczak, AERO Missions Director