

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

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AERO Flight Training

Teaching current and future missionaries to fly

Equip. Enable. Assist – These define our purpose at AERO Missions in that we **equip** (train) missionaries to fly light aircraft, thereby **enabling** them to expand their on-field outreach and thus providing us an outlet for continued ministry **assistance** and partnership as we corporately and cooperatively work to reach our world for Christ.

Missionaries "with wings" are still a necessity in so many parts of the world where (1) laborers are few and (2) isolation and remote peoples are prevalent. At AERO Missions, our ministry vision for the pilot/plane is the establishment of itinerant, gospel-preaching ministries in such areas of the world.

In December, we had a wonderful opportunity of hosting Braxstone & Brianna Yansom from Papua New Guinea for a week of initial flight training. Braxstone heard the gospel and accepted Christ years ago as a result of another missionary's desire to reach the remote people in Kotidanga, PNG; now today, Braxstone's personal desire is to go back into the jungle interior and continue to preach and teach the same gospel message to so many who are still without Christ.



Why the airplane? In PNG, days of hiking are reduced to, in many cases, mere minutes. God has given each of us a tremendous gift called time, and how we spend and redeem this gift is vitally important, especially to someone without Christ who might hear because a missionary "with wings" was able to reach them and share the good news of Jesus.

CABIN CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



By God's grace, our goal of having both cabins "dried in" (framed, sided, doors & windows installed, and roofed) before the end of the year was met by mid-December. The upcoming phases include exterior painting and staining, as well as the plumbing, electrical, HVAC, and insulation installations.

We are working toward a goal of having these completed prior to our summer internship program beginning mid-May, and your prayers toward this end are tremendously appreciated!

In addition to our 2024 flight training program, aircraft maintenance work, and international operations, we look forward to hosting two outreach events this year here in Sylacauga at our home airport. We recognize the need to reach our mission field here locally, and we look forward meeting many from our community and sharing the gospel with them.

Begin praying now for these events and for the people God will bring through our doors. Pray also for regular witnessing opportunities *and* for the boldness to capitalize on those opportunities!

On behalf of all of us, thank you for your continued prayers and support –

Jon & Katie Stanczak and the AERO Missions Team