

CROTHERS' JOURNEY

November 2013

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! We truly appreciate all of you for joining our journey. So how's life in Muskogee, you ask? Well, it's different than south Louisiana, but then there's no place quite like Cajun Country. Here, we are surrounded by cowboys and Indians, so if we talk with a twang next time we see you, please excuse us.

Upon our arrival to Oklahoma and Alpha Aviation we went through two weeks of orientation and in the end we were commissioned as missionaries with the ministry. At the beginning of October I started my aircraft mechanic apprenticeship. We work at least 40 hrs a week pulling apart, repairing, and rebuilding planes. In October we worked on 8 different planes. This is why I'm so excited about the type of schooling I am receiving; I will get extensive hands on training so that I can fix just about any engine problem. I have also been able to get few hours of flight time as well.



Above shows the type of things I have been doing during my apprenticeship.

Family life

Our first few weeks here were pretty trying. The house we were planning on renting didn't work out, so there we were, Uhaul full, family all packed up and no place to live. But God.... God in His great mercy provided a way. Mr. Randy and Mrs. Pamela Baumann, my instructor (also the founder of Alpha Aviation) and his wife graciously let us stay with them for about a week. Again they intervened for us and asked a pilot friend if we could stay in his hangar apartment until we found a place. We have been so blessed. God provided a home for us shortly after and we moved in the beginning of October.



Silas is learning the art of carpentry as we make furniture from pallets.

Candace and the kids are settled into a homeschool routine. The kids are learning quickly, and our 4 year old Lilly is even learning to read. We are still looking for a church to serve in. We have visited some good churches, but don't feel a strong pulling towards any one of them yet. Please pray for us as we continue to look for the right church.



Myla and Lillian enjoying school time.

Mission Mobilization

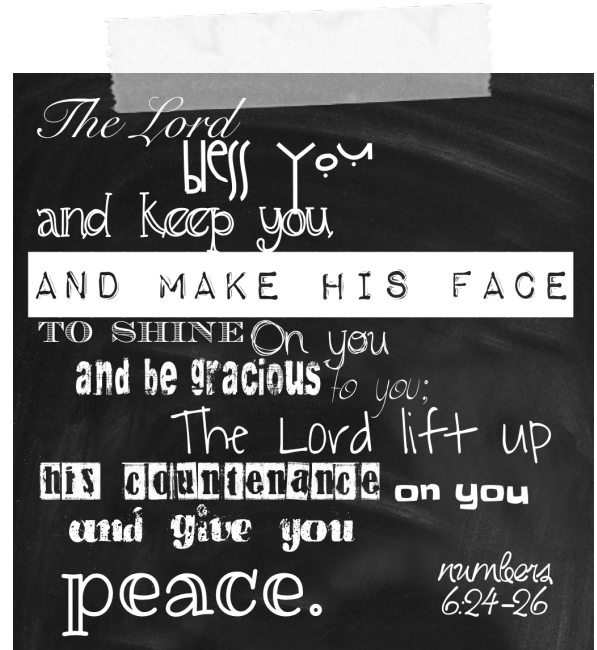
So much of our journey so far has been God working out the details. Many of us see God as a "big picture" God, meaning that we only think He's concerned with the big things in our lives. We either think that He's too busy and can't handle the small things or that they just don't stir His heart enough for Him to turn His face to us. But through this move we have seen God at work with the details, and we've realized that His

heart is in the details because it's the details that make up the big picture. As I think about the issue of small things, I wonder if we have made things unimportant that God thinks are very important. I am reminded that God is sending us to bring the Gospel to people who the world may think are insignificant, who live small lives in unknown places. If God is unconcerned with the small, unimportant details, why are we investing all this time and money in preparation to reach such people? So the answer has to be that He is concerned about the insignificant. Because really, you and I can be deemed insignificant to some. Aren't you glad he didn't think you were too small? The small thing in your life may be the very thing God wants to use to teach you to trust Him, or to love others, or to serve when it hurts. Let God use the small things to make a big impact. Luke 16:10 says, "one who is faithful in very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in very little is dishonest in much." May we all give importance to the small things because it may be that the small thing in your life is of great importance to God.

To our supports and potential supporters:

We are so grateful that so many of you have committed to pray for us and to support us monthly. As we mentioned before in our previous newsletter, due to the nature of schooling we are required to raise monthly support to cover our expenses. If you would like to join our team of supporters please do the following:

- Fill out the attached support form for tax deductible donations
- For automatic withdrawal each month fill in the appropriate fields on the form with credit card information and date you prefer the funds to be transferred (1st or 15th of every month).
- Send support to Alpha Aviation PO Box 1622 Muskogee, OK 74402
- If writing a check, make payable to Alpha Aviation and write **only 1301**, which is our student ID, on the memo line. This insures that your donation reaches us and remains tax deductible.



We know that many of you are committed to praying for us and we want to be a support to you as well. We would love to walk with you through prayer. If you are battling anything or just need someone to stand with you please let us know. We are committed to pray for you daily and rejoice with you in your victories.



Prayer points:

- for health for our family
- that we would find the church that God wants us to serve in
- for the other students, David and Naomi
- for the Patron family who just moved here in the beginning of November with a newborn, that their transition is easy and all remain healthy.
- that God would raise up more missionaries to send to unreached nations
- that God will continue to provide for us and more people will join our team.