

Great Historical Firsts



First African American elected to serve as Executive Director of U.S. Missions



During the August General Council of the Assemblies of God, ministers and delegates elected George Wood (pictured left) as the General Superintendent. Alton Garrison was elected Assistant Superintendent and Zollie Smith (right) was elected Executive Director of U.S. Missions. We are delighted to have him as our representative of so many cultures living in the U.S. Please hold these men up in prayer as they transition into their new leadership roles.



First Flight

Four students from discipleship class were the first group to go on their first flight. What a blessing. The Adopt A Plane program is so exciting. The eleven year old girl pictured to Bill's right exited the plane announcing: "I'm going to be a lady pilot when I grow up!"



First birthday cake with ice cream

It seems as if Charles "Scooter" E. was born at church. He was carried to church since he was one year old. He is the youngest of thirteen grandchildren who grew up in his grandmother's home. He celebrated his eighth Metro birthday with his family and friends. Please pray for Charles that he will continue to develop a strong relationship with the Lord. He is a smart little man. He keeps right up with the older kids in his discipleship class. He may be a pilot someday?

Volunteers needed

1. Volunteers are needed, both on a weekly basis during classes and also outreaches and/or special events. Please let us know when you sense an urgency to get involved in the lives of others. Only God and His Holy Spirit can lead you in this area. Let Him guide you.
2. All volunteers will need to fill out a volunteer application and get a signed endorsement from their pastor. It doesn't take much to love and invest in a child for Jesus.

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The Cross

It is the Cross of Jesus Christ that gives us hope. When we hear the truth of what Jesus Christ did on the cross and how He paid for our sin, we accept it as Truth. Now Jesus Christ is the one we look to for strength as our lives and behavior changes. We have a hope that nothing else compares. We will spend eternity with Him.



What more could we hope for?

Daycamp

Volunteers from Christ Presbyterian Church, Mobile, led daycamp this summer. One of the crafts they made was the gospel glove. The kids thought it was cool singing the salvation message holding a glove representing the five color balls they hot glued on the fingers of the glove. Quite creative! Thanks to all of you who participated!



Daycamp

Wedding Bells

The beautiful wedding of Cedrick and Sarah Valrie was one of the highlights of our missionary career.



Cedrick and Sarah honeymooned in the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee. If you would like to congratulate them, their new address is: P.O. Box 234
Lakeland, FL 33802

Cedrick was a seven year old when he attended Sidewalk Sunday School for the first time. We have watched him grow, mature and answer the call God placed on him. Cedrick learned early in life the importance of the Cross of Jesus. He stayed obedient to Jesus during his teen years. He trusted in the Lord with all his heart and did not lean on his own understanding. God blessed him with a beautiful, godly wife. God blessed Sarah with an outstanding man of God.

They both are graduates of Southeastern University, Lakeland, FL. They will soon receive their Masters Degrees.

To God Be the Glory Great Things He Has Done!

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Words from the director...

Greetings! Fall is in the air and Christmas is just around the corner. A separate mailing will be sent to help instruct groups and individuals who desire to participate in our 19th Annual Metro Ministries Shoebox/Stocking Project.

I shared with you in our last newsletter that we are using aviation to inspire our youth to advance their education and reach for new horizons. I said, "to effectively accomplish this, we needed to purchase a Cessna 172 (4-place plane.)" This would be done by friends like you investing in Adopt A Plane!" The Adopt A Plane donations are to purchase, insure and maintenance our plane.

Thank You

A special thanks to Anil and Pam Valma, Bloomfield Hills, MI for passing N65172 to Metro with their \$7,000 donation.

A special thanks to Bates Aero Club President Brent Rogers CFII and members Hugh Richards CFII and Bobby Peterson, owner of Southern Repro Graphics for all their help in our new method of outreach.

Also, thanks to aircraft mechanic Bryan Nixon for our pre-buy inspection of N65172.



Bill and Cheryl Gray
U.S. Missionaries



Brent and Bill Landing



Bobby and Bill



Hugh, Bill and the girls 1st flight!

How did this happen?

I have been looking feverishly for months for the right plane. This is a process like buying a home. It just doesn't happen, you have to seek the Lord's direction. After looking at hundreds of plane ads and physically inspecting a few planes, I was told about a Cessna N65172. It was not advertised for sale. It was having its annual inspection in Decatur, AL. I stopped to look it over. As I walked up to the plane, I saw something that I had not seen on any of the other planes. A cross! Yes that's right a cross! This plane was very well equipped with high dollar avionics, fresh paint job, tinted windows, low airframe time and mid-engine time. Hanging from the ceiling is the cross. I talked with the mechanic. He said this was the nicest 172F he had ever seen. I contacted the owners and told them we were U.S. Missionaries and needed a 172 for introducing aviation to inner-city youth. They were so impressed with the opportunity to be a part of meeting the need, they let me fly it from Decatur to Mobile for a pre-buy inspection.



After establishing the value of the airplane, the owners donated \$7,000 off the purchase price to help us reach our goal. With the generosity of those who have already given to Adopt A Plane, we only need \$26,000 to pay off our bank loan and a year of insurance.

Trust the Lord

I trust the Lord to touch the hearts of others who can invest in the Adopt A Plane vision. We are trusting to pay off this short term debt before the end of the year. We need businesses, corporations, and individuals to help achieve the vision. Perhaps you can bring a small group together in your home to challenge those who would like to be a part of the team. Call our office if that pertains to you,



Please pray with us about these needs in our ministry:

1. Adopt A Plane funds.
2. Protection during hurricane season.
3. Surrender to Christ for those who are lost.
4. Fall discipleship classes.
5. Special outreaches we plan for the upcoming holidays.
6. An 18 year old named D'wana was critically injured in a car/pedestrian accident. She died two weeks later. She has a one year old who survived the accident but is still in the hospital. Please pray for the family.



Thank you to all who have donated to Adopt A Plane. Your tax deductible gift has helped pay a partial payment to the purchase of our very own Cessna 172. Yes, it is ours!

Cheryl and I are humbly appreciative for all of you who stand with us month after month and year after year. We could not do what God has called us to do without your financial monthly support and your prayers. Together we are making a difference in others' lives for eternity. Remember...it's the cross. May we all develop servanthood in our lives as Jesus modeled for us.

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