

# METRO IS THE CENTER MINISTRIES

*Casting a Lifeline of New Horizons* **Mobile** Summer 2007

## A Father to the Fatherless



“Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.”  
Psalm 37:4

“...and, Lo, I am with you always,  
even unto the end of the world”  
Matt. 28:20



Aerial photo of Mobile Bay



Bill landing at Bates Field, Mobile

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# "A Father to the Fatherless..."

## Psalm 68:5

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one." Matthew 6:9-13 NIV

Where would we be without our Heavenly Father?

Where would we be if it wasn't for our earthly father or father like mentors that God gives us to guide us through life?

I thank God daily for all the wonderful men and women He has placed in our lives to lead, guide and encourage us through the years, that we may encourage others.

The Lord has re-birthed something in me to use as a method to reach inner-city youth for Christ. Aviation! That's right! In the late 70's I learned to fly. I got my private pilot's certificate, bought a little Cessna 150 (2-place plane) and enjoyed flying. In the mid 80's I sold my little plane and got away from flying. Recently, Cheryl encouraged me to return to flying as a hobby. I got a current airman's medical, a flight review and joined a local aero club. The joy, excitement, and enthusiasm of introducing aviation to our inner-city youth has given me a renewed ambition to help our youth see beyond violence, street fights, and street ball. We have a lot of industry related to aviation here in Mobile. One of our newest is Airbus. We have an Aviation College at Brookley Field and a wonderful air museum near us in Pensacola.

Our goal is to use aviation as a method to motivate our youth to reach for new horizons through education and careers in aviation and aerospace. To effectively accomplish this, we need to purchase our own airplane. I am looking at Cessna 172's (4-place plane). How are we going to do this? We are offering you, your friends, and anyone you can share this with an opportunity to adopt a plane. **YES! Adopt a plane!** **We need your help to accomplish this.**

How do we adopt a plane? We give one dollar a day for one year (\$365) or \$30 a month. Your adopt-a-plane donation will purchase Metro's plane, insure it, and take care of the maintenance. The key is to get your friends involved. This is inspiring new hope and vision in our youth. It is changing their outlook on life and focusing them toward a positive future.

Do you remember what it was like the first time you looked in the sky at an airplane flying over or the first time someone offered you a ride in an airplane? I am asking you, our friends, churches and businesses to adopt a plane for Metro Ministries. Please fill out the enclosed card and make your tax-deductible donation to Metro Ministries. On the memo line write Adopt a plane.

We trust that we will be purchasing our Cessna 172 soon. I will keep you informed. Your care for others is the measure of your greatness.

May the Lord richly bless you,

*Thank you for all that you do helping us minister in Mobile's inner-city.*

Bill and Cheryl

**PRAYER  
NEEDS**

1. Lost people will surrender to Jesus
2. Day camps
3. Need of aviation funds to be met
4. Protection during storm season



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