



On the Wings of an Angel

“Boy, there sure are a lot of wires behind there,” one could marvel. As Kyle works on the Piper Cherokee 140, he’s deep into it again; he’s rewiring the radios,

What does it feel like when you have no one to connect with? Or when you’re *down on your luck*, as the saying goes? Where do you turn when things are tough? Many turn to or fall into habits that become destructive. What do we allow ourselves to become addicted to?

Just recently, we took an angelwings flight that was a victory over addiction. Commercial pilot and skilled CFI, Jarret Moss, a friend of AWA, from a neighboring airport, flew this humble mission, and I went along as

his student copilot. There was a gentleman who needed to go back to his home in Roanoke, Virginia to live with his dad.

For 17 years, Jesse had been struggling with alcohol. It brought him into a dark time, and he was consumed with the need for a drink. His life was a mess. He tried rehab, but it just didn’t ever stick. There wasn’t the support system that he needed, and since 2012, he had been in and out. But after some committed time in two centers in Virginia, he was released and has kept active in recovery groups in Knoxville, Tennessee, since this past June. Getting a job as a machine operator/tech for making fiberglass drew him to Knoxville.



We were called upon to fly him back home to Virginia, where he would live with his dad; he had been released from his recovery program and was cleared for departure. *Just a little aviation humor there.* *Ahem* Humor aside, Jesse’s job would transfer to Virginia, and he will keep doing what he enjoys. It’s no longer a bottle of alcohol attached to his hand, but the joy of living with self-respect that yielded a sense of fulfillment in life. Because of his ordeal, he became familiar with God in a beautiful way.

While sometimes God brings us to a situation that requires us to rely on Him for success, there are situations that we bring upon ourselves where God, ever working in the background to draw us to Him, uses our destructive circumstances to help us see the need of Him and for deliverance from our addictions. Our addictions are anything that rules supreme in our lives. That said, there is only one addiction that we can safely have that yields a bounty of blessings, and that is being addicted to Jesus.

In Matthew 12:43-45 Jesus tells the story of an unclean spirit who has gone out of a man, going about and seeking a place of rest but finds none. The demon declares that he will return to the house it left. However, when it returns, it finds the house swept and put back in order. It then takes with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and then the man’s condition is worse in the end than when he started. *Why?* The man did not fill the void in his house with Jesus. When we remove the bad, the vice, the addiction, we can’t just take it and not replace it with something, or we will return to what we started and only increase the vice from there on out.

Jesse filled the void of alcohol with a great job, loving support, and a growing love for Jesus. It’s his relationship with God that’s the most powerful tool against his former addiction. When we have Jesus, we don’t need anything else. I’m so glad that I could be a part of helping Jesse return home with a new start in life and the opportunity to read Ministry of Healing. He was so grateful and so thankful for our services to him and our attentiveness to his needs.

When life needs maintenance, who do you turn to?

Thank you for your prayers, consideration, and ongoing support that helps us be of service to people like Jesse.

God bless!

Until Next Time,

Kyle, Rebecca, and Hadahsa Stevenson

