



It was Sunday at the Fix home in Kentucky. I had been sharpening chainsaws for tree work I was going to do the next day. I had cut my finger pretty deep while sharpening and was considering how difficult it would be to work the next day with this injury. As I was thinking about my problem, I got a phone call from Adventist World Aviation's (AWA) president, Ric Swaningson. He said he had an Angel Flight for me to do if I was able to get away from my work for a few days. An Angel Flight is defined by Wikipedia as "the name used by a number of groups whose members provide free air transportation for passengers in need of medical treatment far from home and perform other missions of community service." In this instance, however, there was not a passenger in need of medical attention. There was a middle aged woman who needed a flight to retrieve her belongings after leaving an abusive situation. It would have been a 10 hour drive which would have been tough - especially in this woman's case since she didn't have a car. She could possibly have flown commercially, but where she was going was in the middle of nowhere and there were no funds for an airline ticket.

I had my week all planned out and this would completely change those plans. And I really dislike changing plans. As I contemplated leaving off my plans to help this person I had never met, I put myself in her shoes. I remembered the many times when I had things in my life that needed to be taken care of and I was at a dead end as to how to get the job done when all





of a sudden someone came to my assistance and circumstances changed just at the right time. Besides that... this is why I earned my pilot's license in the first place - to help people by making the world a little kinder.

I told Pastor Ric I'd do the flight. Now it was time to buckle up for a 4-day roller coaster ride. Monday, I flew commercially to pick up the plane I would be flying; which is the same one I'll be flying in Nicaragua. Once at AWA headquarters in Smithfield, NC, I needed to "get current" by flying 6 instrument approaches while wearing vision limiting glasses with Pastor Ric acting as a safety pilot. (This ensures instrument rated pilots are safe and legal to fly in instrument meteorological conditions - where normal visibility is not possible.) We changed the oil in the plane and made sure everything was in good condition before taking off. Tuesday afternoon I departed for the city where I was to pick up my passenger. Pastor Ric had made arrangements for a couple to host me for the night before my next leg of the journey. The following morning, Wednesday, my passenger and I departed to our destination. "Weather" was moving towards our route, but after a fuel stop and little waiting for the weather to clear at our destination, we slipped under the clouds and into a small town airport at our destination. My passenger was so thankful for what AWA was able to do for her. She praised God for our safe flight.

It was too late for me to return home that day. Night operations in the clouds with storms in route is best avoided, especially in a small single engine plane. I opted for a hotel stay and departed the following morning. I had to use some creativity to maneuver around thunderstorm cells, but I made it home to my family by early Thursday afternoon.

This situation reminded me of someone else who had to change plans to help those in need. That Someone is the Son of God. "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." Philippians 2:5-8

May I also always be willing to do what needs to be done for those that Christ left heaven to die for.

Thank you for your prayers and support as our family continues to make preparation to deploy to the mission field. We are blessed by each of you!

God bless each one of you!

Josh, Yosiday, Caleb and Isaac Fix



PROJECT NEEDS: Please consider becoming a monthly supporter so the work that we're doing in preparation to be full time mission workers here will be fruitful. We are ready to fly medivac flights again and serve the people and share Jesus with them.



PRAYER REQUEST: Pray for us as we get all these hurdles out of the way so we can resume the flight program here in Nicaragua and save people's lives through the tool of aviation.



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