



BE PREPARED!

**Do your best, prepare for the worst—
then trust GOD to bring victory.**

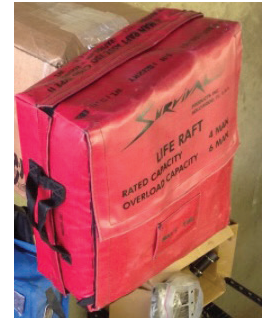
—Proverbs 21:31

When training to become a pilot, planning for all types of emergencies that may arise is crucial. Whether it is the high mountain terrains of Canada, Alaska, or jungle conditions. A survival kit in the plane in case of an emergency is an essential need on all planes. A pilot is responsible for ensuring he has one on board and that his passengers are aware of where it is in the plane, usually in the back behind the last row of seats.

Ray has taken industrial first aid and me basic first aid so we understand what injuries could be attended to in the event of an emergency.

On our trip to Guyana in 2014, flying over open water, we had more training and extra gear. We had a life raft on board and Ray had the responsibility to get it out and deploy it should the need arise. I on the other hand had the survival kit and was responsible to remove it should there be an emergency landing. We also always wore our life vests.

Before we flew each leg of the trip, we did a brief practice procedure on how to leave an airplane if it landed in the ocean.



The approximately 30 pound bag carries enough for 6 people to survive for one week: Here is some of what is in the kit; Water, food rations, a hunting knife, flashlight, hatchet, fishing gear, signal mirror, small metal pot to boil water, waterproof matches, small stove, tarp, survival foil blankets, medical items such as a tweezer, scissors, alcohol wipes, splints, bandages and various gauze, compression patches, and instruction guide that shows you the basics on how to survive the elements. All this gear must be checked regularly, and any expired items must be replaced. Depending on the time of year and where in the world we operate these kits must be stocked accordingly. It's a lot of organizing and logistics planning for something you pray will never happen.

Do you have an emergency kit for those times when power is out or other natural disasters? Maybe while it's calm, plan out something, hopefully you never need it but think how nice it would be if you do. Also, as humanitarians we think about having extra so we could assist someone else in need.

Personally, Ray and I carry provisions of dried fruit, granola bars, nuts, and vitamin c packets. Many times, we have been stranded at an airport far from town with no vending machines for a few days and it's important to always be prepared in life and in flight. How do you plan for your mental, physical, and spiritual needs? Wouldn't it feel good to have extra of these so you could share with others in need? May God bless you and guide you as you ponder and prepare for the future.

Check out our video on YouTube AWA "Off the Grid"-8838x arriving in Guyana.

The mind of man plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps. Proverbs 16:9

Praise be,

Ray and Julie Young



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