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Jonathan and Carrie Federwitz

Jonathan's Assignment at Jaars

For those of you who do not receive our email updates, this is the first newsletter you are receiving since I, Jonathan, started my new role at Jaars in Waxhaw, NC, in April. We've been telling you about this plan for a couple of years now.

Well, it has finally happened! I did start in the Jaars aviation training department in April. My role is a flight instructor to train pilots for service on the mission field. I jumped right in to help with the pre-field orientation training of 5 pilots and 3 aircraft mechanics in preparation for going overseas. The training for those 8 young men wrapped up at the end of June. These men will be serving in Papua New Guinea, Kenya, Indonesia and Peru. (Actually, half of them have already gone to their fields of service.)

In July I had the privilege of being part of a team representing Jaars at the EAA AirVenture airshow in Oshkosh, WI. This is the biggest airshow in the USA and Jaars used the opportunity to promote missionary aviation and to recruit pilots and mechanics. I flew to the airshow and landed at what is the busiest airport in the world that week. That was quite an experience. (Let me know if you'd like to hear about it.)

In the coming months I'll be continuing to do flight training here at Jaars. One of the pilots that I'll be training is my own son! Read on to learn more!



Jonathan at AirVenture



Jonathan and Nathan at Jaars

Our First Grandchild!

Yep, you read that right! We're going to be grandparents! (Do we sound a little excited?!) Nathan and Sarah are expecting a baby with a due date of October 22. They are here at Jaars for Nathan's training (see next section), so the baby will be born here (which we're also very excited about)!

Nathan & Sarah join Lutheran Bible Translators

We are also excited to announce that Nathan and Sarah have joined Lutheran Bible Translators as of August 1st! They are currently in the training stage as missionaries with Lutheran Bible Translators.

As you probably remember, Nathan got his pilot's license a couple of years ago. But he needs to build some flight experience and complete advanced training before he will be ready to serve as a missionary pilot overseas. We previously told many of you that Nathan would be seeking a job to build flight experience before coming to Jaars for training.

That has changed in the last couple of months. Thanks to a special arrangement between Lutheran Bible Translators and Jaars, Nathan will be building flight experience and receiving training at Jaars over the next year or more. And I get to be one of the flight instructors that will be training him!

The Next Federwitz Generation

Nathan and **Sarah** have joined Lutheran Bible Translators, have moved to Jaars and are expecting our first grandchild! (Yes, we're excited!) Read more on the previous page.

Julia has started her second year of teaching at the King's Academy in Florence, SC. (It's really nice that she's just an hour and 40 minutes from us.) She is teaching 1st grade this year and loves being back in 1st grade again. She's made some good friends through a young adults Bible study and an ultimate frisbee group.

Leah is continuing to teach at the mission school at Ukarumpa in Papua New Guinea (PNG). We had told you that she would return to the US this past year, but she was asked to stay on because of the need. This year she is teaching 4th grade. She has been loving it! Her visa expires at the end of December this year, so she will have to return to the US. At this point she is planning to apply as a long-term missionary and return to PNG as soon as she can raise the needed financial support.

Rachel was home with us in North Carolina for the summer and worked at a children's program at Jaars called Summer Safari. She is now back at Concordia University Wisconsin for her sophomore year. She is continuing in the education program to be a high school math teacher.

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Sarah will be taking online linguistics courses as part of her training. Nathan & Sarah also will be traveling to speak and raise financial support for their ministry with Lutheran Bible Translators. If you are interested in partnering with them or having them speak at your church, please let us know or contact them directly (nathan-sarah.federwitz@lbt.org). You can also ask to be added to their newsletter list.

Prayer and Praise

- ➔ *Praise the Lord for safety in all of the traveling that we did on the road this past year in order to speak at churches and visit with many of you.*
- ➔ *Praise the Lord that the transition to Jonathan's assignment at Jaars and to life in the US is going really well.*
- ➔ *Praise the Lord for Nathan & Sarah's baby that is on the way. Pray for a healthy and safe pregnancy and delivery.*
- ➔ *Praise the Lord that Nathan & Sarah have joined Lutheran Bible Translators. Pray for their continued preparation for the mission field.*

Your Partners in Christ,



Jonathan and Carrie
Nathan and Sarah,
Julia, Leah and Rachel

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