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A Little Federwitz Family

Training and Traveling

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Pre-Field Missionary Life

Flying and Such

As Pre-field missionaries (missionaries who have not yet been deployed overseas) our main goals are: 1. to get the training we need and 2. to build relationships with prayer and financial partners.

January was a month full of training for both Nathan and Sarah. Nathan worked to get as many flights in as possible prior to leaving for the Midwest. He continues to hone his skills on airwork, take-offs, and landings, in order to be prepared to fly overseas where there will be less room for error because of the terrain and airstrips he will be navigating. He has also been doing some flight scheduling for JAARS. This means he gets to keep track of the flights that have been planned and makes sure the schedule is in order for the day.



Nathan showing Enoch a JAARS airplane that was fueling.

As Nathan was continuing to fill his weeks at aviation, Sarah was learning all about translation programs. She spent January playing catch-up on a translation course for LBT partners that had started back in September. This course involved reading a document written by LBT employees and discussing the various things to take into consideration when planning a translation project. Sarah learned much and enjoyed growing in her knowledge of translation.

Staying in the Ruts

In January, Nathan and Sarah were also able to attend a manual transmission and four-wheel drive safety course at JAARS which will help us to prepare for situations that we may encounter overseas. The course involved learning to drive manual (which Sarah had never learned before) and 4-wheel drive safety. There was a classroom portion covering the ins-and-outs of manual transmission and 4-wheel drive vehicles, as well as general vehicle maintenance. This was followed by a hands-on portion of the course seen in the pictures below.



We learned how to use a high-lift jack, repair a tire, and use a winch. Here we are winching a car back upright.



These are the muddy ruts on the 4-wheel course. Our instructor's advice: stay in the ruts to keep going forward, don't fight them, you will only slide back in.



We took turns signaling to each other to get down this rocky path without damaging the tires or undercarriage.

Travels

Since late January we have been even busier than we were before because we have been traveling. Every Sunday, and often during the week, we have been visiting churches, meeting with congregations, and speaking at Bible studies and women's groups.

So far, we have visited 6 congregations for their weekend services and Sunday school time, and 5 small groups in Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Minnesota. Before Holy Week we will be visiting churches and individuals in Indiana. After Easter we will be back in Iowa before heading to Michigan to connect with churches there.

We have really enjoyed connecting with many individuals already and look forward to meeting many more in the upcoming weeks! God has led us to so many encouraging and supportive prayer and financial partners. We praise Him for the connections that we have made!

We will continue to visit churches throughout the Midwest until May. If you are interested in meeting with us during the middle of the week, please contact us to see if we might be able to visit with you, your small group, or congregation.



We had the privilege of speaking at the church we worshipped at while attending college. Nathan's sister, Rachel, was able to join us for that service!

Our family cannot be deployed overseas until we are fully funded. We especially need recurring financial support. We also have the expense of Nathan's JAARS training. One-time gifts to Nathan's flight training are a wonderful opportunity to support us as we prepare to go overseas. **If you feel so called, consider partnering with us! God's blessings!**



Blessings from our little family!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Praise for Nathan's progress as he continues to grow in skill through his flight training.
- Pray for our safety as we continue to travel, and praise for safe travels so far.
- Pray for faithful partners to partner with us and the work of Bible Translation through prayer and financial support.

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