



Life on the Road

As pre-field missionaries, we have the large task of raising our own support. We do this by connecting with churches, Bible study groups, individuals... basically anyone who might be interested in hearing our story and supporting the work of Bible Translation through aviation ministry. We wanted to share how these efforts have been going for us.

An Inside Look at our Trip

From the beginning of February through early May we were fully focused on partnership development. We met with established supporters, new supporters, and hopefully future supporters in an effort to make a big dent in our budget needs. We cannot be sent to our overseas assignment (we have not been assigned a country yet, but hopefully one will be chosen soon) until we reach our full budget goal. These have been some tiring, fruitful, wonderful months of connecting with countless individuals across the Midwest.



Sarah manning the LBT booth at the Central IL LWML convention.

Over three and a half months our family visited 21 churches, stayed with 15 host families, attended one LWML district convention, and had a total of 25 scheduled speaking opportunities. We prepared a presentation to discuss how we

plan to serve with Lutheran Bible Translators and JAARS. In addition to these presentations, we spoke with countless individuals, some of whom had never heard of missionary aviation. It was a joy to share our passion for Bible Translation with them.



We visited with some friends from Nathan's flight class at SMAT

Although we were not able to connect with everyone who has supported us so far on our journey, we were able to reconnect with so many people and meet many more who are interested in the work of Bible Translation.



We saw Nathan's best friend from Papua New Guinea.

Throughout our trip we were able to see how God is preparing the way for us. We were able to fill gaps in our speaking schedule with churches we had never visited before. Multiple times individuals told us they had been looking for a new missionary to support. We still have a long way to go, but God's faithfulness has been visible.

"Home Work"

We are currently settling back in at home in JAARS, North Carolina. Nathan is back to training. After being away for so long, he has a little bit of review to do before he can get back to where he was when we left. The JAARS aviation training department is busy with Pre-field Orientation. This course is designed to be a final preparation for pilots and mechanics before they go overseas. This is a course that Nathan will be taking next spring before going overseas.

For now, Nathan will be assisting as he can. He will be working on MATAs (Missions at the Airport) throughout the summer. JAARS pilots will fly to the MATA event at a regional airport to give people airplane rides and share about mission aviation. Nathan will also be working towards solo flights and flights with passengers this summer.

Sarah has finished the classes she was working on with her LBT coworkers and partners. She learned about planning translation projects and multilingualism in different communities. She is looking forward to taking an introductory class on languages this fall.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Praise that our travels went well and that we made it safely back home.
- Pray for Nathan as he gets back to flying after our travels.
- Pray that connections we made over our months of traveling will continue to be fruitful, and that those in the future will help us meet our fundraising goal.



Nathan's friends were able to attend our presentation in Indiana.

Our goal is to be sent overseas in the summer of 2025, but we are still needing a great amount of support. We will be making more speaking trips in the fall to help meet this need. **Please reach out if you would like us to visit your congregation, LWML, or group to share about Bible Translation and aviation.**

We need the support of faithful individuals and churches who see our vision and would like to help us support the work of Bible Translation in the world.

**Thank you for reading our prayer letter.
Your support means so much to us!**

Blessings!



Nathan and his twin sister, Julia, were able to celebrate their birthday together for the first time in years!
Here we are in front of her new house.

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