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# A Little Federwitz Family

From North Carolina to Maine!

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## On the Road Again!

We will be traveling again! Throughout October and November our family will be in the Midwest to share our story at various churches. We will be spending our time primarily in Iowa, Wisconsin, and Illinois. Our Sundays are all completely filled, but we are still looking to add midweek speaking opportunities as well! **If you have a Bible study, LWML, or other midweek gathering you would like us to visit in October or November, please let us know. We would love to see you!**

Below is a rough idea of where we will be during each of these dates. If you are in that state or an adjacent state, we would love to come visit your church! Please don't hesitate to contact us about visiting. If we are unable to fit you in on this trip, we would love to come back later to share about how God is working around the world!

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| Oct 6-17  | Iowa              |
| Oct 20-27 | Central Illinois  |
| Nov 2-9   | Wisconsin         |
| Nov 10-17 | Iowa              |
| Nov 18-27 | Eastern Wisconsin |



## A Mission to Maine

Nathan had the incredible opportunity to fly all the way from North Carolina to Maine for a Mission at the Airport event. The following is his take on this experience:

“One of the most outstanding experiences I have had so far in my training was flying to Maine for a Mission at the Airport (MATA) event in Pittsfield and Bangor, Maine. This was a flying experience unlike any I have had before. Most of my flying has consisted of training flights that don't get more than 25 miles away from the airport where I started—and these usually focus on honing precision skills for handling the aircraft. Flying to Maine from JAARS was completely the opposite! This journey was a 925 mile, 7-hour long Cessna 206 airplane ride one way.

“This takes a completely different mindset to devise a flight plan and execute it so that the flight can be brought successfully to the place it needs to go. But this is all part of why I am here at JAARS—to get more experience in different aspects of flying so that I will be best equipped to serve Bible translation once we go overseas.



*Cruising at 9,000ft on our way up to Maine*

“Part of my training in flying up to Maine was to learn to operate the aircraft during the different phases of flying: climbing higher in altitude, cruising with longer stretches between waypoints, and planning descents from further distances. Also, part of the learning was communicating with Air Traffic Control on our plan and following their instructions for aircraft flow. On the way back from Maine, I was able to see how much I had learned from the flight north. I had grown in efficiency and was able to do better flight planning on our trip back down to North Carolina.

“A key part of the flight north was picking up passengers in Pennsylvania and transporting them up to Maine with their luggage so that they could also assist us in making the MATA go smoothly. Now that I have a solid base of aircraft control, a vital part of my upcoming training will be transporting passengers. This is crucial because that is what my work will primarily be overseas—transporting passengers and cargo so that they can further the work of Bible Translation.

## A Mission to Maine... Cont.



Picking up the passengers in Pennsylvania

“Transporting passengers is exactly what I did while we were in Pittsfield, Maine. A big part of our role at MATAs is to fly passengers from the public to give them the experience of flying in a small plane, but we also tell them about how we use these airplanes to deliver God’s Word around the world. I was approved by JAARS to be able to fly passengers by myself for the first time! I completed 13 flights, each carrying between 4 and 5 passengers. I took them on a short 10 minute flight over the town. Many of my “co-pilots,” passengers sitting next to me in the front right seat, were teenagers and young adults who were interested in flying and enjoyed having a real-life missionary pilot (even though I do not have overseas flying experience yet) fly them around their hometown. It was a huge milestone for me to be authorized to do these passenger rides! It was also very fun to successfully complete these flights and see the joy on people’s faces as they experienced flying!

“One unexpected experience that I had while in Maine was a maintenance project. While we were there, the left main tire on the Cessna 206 got a hole and went completely flat. My dad and I worked on repairing the tire on Friday afternoon so that we could be ready to give rides again on Saturday. We were very grateful to the maintenance shop in Pittsfield which allowed us to use their tools to replace the tire. It was also a great experience for me—not only to replace a tire, but also see how maintenance problems can happen, and how my training can help get us flying again. God truly orchestrated our team to have a successful trip to Maine!”



Replacing a tire that blew out while we were in Maine

## Other Snippets of Training

- Sarah has started her linguistics class called “Intro to Language Learning” which runs through the fall.
- Our family was able to attend the LBT Gathering in Missouri. This was a great time of fellowship with our fellow missionaries, and learning about how God is leading LBT into the future.
- Another flight experience for Nathan was flying north to the Appalachian Mountains to set up a runway called Strawberry Ridge. Afterwards he did some take-offs and landings from the runway!



Taking off on the 17% sloped runway on Strawberry Ridge

*Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.*  
Hebrews 12:1-2

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for good travels and good connections to be made during our trip in October and November, as we seek to increase our support.
- Praise that Nathan was able to fly to Maine and gain a great amount of experience in many aspects of flying.
- Pray for Sarah as she begins to learn about language basics in her class.

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