



## Exciting News!

For the last 20 months we have been waiting while Lutheran Bible Translators discussed possible overseas assignment locations for our family. There were many aspects to consider. Because of Nathan's role as an LBT missionary who has been assigned to work as a JAARS pilot, it was important that our placement location be beneficial to both organizations. There were two likely locations for our assignment—Cameroon and Papua New Guinea. These countries have both a JAARS and LBT presence, so both fit the bill. As the organizations considered their partnership, we continued to move forward with training and prayer for our future situation. Finally, it became clear to all involved that the best placement for our family would be....

## Papua New Guinea!



*This picture was taken when we were visiting Papua New Guinea in the Spring of 2022. We were hoping we would be able to return to the country as missionaries!*

We are so excited to share this news with you that we will be serving in Papua New Guinea (PNG)! Nathan has always pictured himself serving as a pilot in PNG and is grateful that, God-willing, we will be moving there in the near-future.

## Baby boy #2!

In our last letter, we briefly mentioned the exciting news that we were expecting our second child in March. We are blessed to share that Judah Federwitz was born in late March (4 days past his due date).



*EJ absolutely loves being a big brother!*

He has been such a blessed addition to our family. We have loved watching him grow so much already. He has learned so much about the world in just a few short weeks.



## PFO Update:

The beginning of May marked the halfway point in Pre-field Orientation (PFO) for Nathan. So far he has completed a number of classes and training courses. He has even learned how to fly a new airplane: the Helio!



*Nathan with his primary Helio instructor, Tim.*

Nathan has enjoyed working with the other guys going through the course. Together they all took a course on the PT6 engine—the engine that is in the Kodiak that Nathan will fly in PNG. They took a safety training course for missionaries to teach them how to stay safe in potentially dangerous situations.

Nathan has been getting experience in both maintenance and safety management. He has helped on a maintenance inspection on a Cessna 206 as well as working on the tailwheel of a Helio. On the safety management side, Nathan has been assisting on setting up a new Safety Management System Manual for JAARS.

The highlight of PFO for Nathan (so far) was doing his first solo flight in the Helio Courier! He has worked hard on learning this new plane and applying all that he has learned about flying during his time at JAARS to a new aircraft. He compiled 22 hours of flying in the Helio before he met the standard for flying solo. This plane requires more skill and practice to safely fly alone. His first solo flight was more challenging because the runway was not long, flat, and paved, but 1200 ft, upsloped, and grass. These challenges help equip him for the rigors of flying overseas. After proving to his instructor that he could handle the Helio in this environment, he got to fly solo on May 2<sup>nd</sup>! A special note was that

his dad, Jonathan, was also flying in the Cessna 206 with another orientee at the time and he and Nathan happened to communicate with each other over the radio!



*Nathan's first solo flight in the Helio on May 2, 2025*

Nathan has some exciting events to look forward to over the next few weeks in PFO! We look forward to sharing the stories in our next letter!

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Praise for the safe and healthy birth of Judah.
- Pray for our family as EJ adjusts to being a big brother.
- Praise God that we have been assigned to serve in PNG!
- Pray for endurance for Nathan as he continues in PFO, and for Sarah at home with the boys.
- Pray for our newly assigned mission field of PNG, for the aviation ministry we will soon be joining, for the ongoing Bible Translation projects, and that the people of PNG will increasingly receive God's Word.

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