

Airwaves

Pilots for Christ
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206 Successful Missions Flown

Ministry operates under guidelines based on God's loving nature

*Ministry
Newsletter
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We have flown 25 trips since our last newsletter in May 2000. We flew Mary Tucker and her sister, Evelyn, from Monroeville to New Orleans for a connecting flight to Houston. Evelyn suffered from cancer and passed away shortly after that trip. We flew Jeanette Coburn several times to Little Rock, and the last time, the doctor reported that Jeanette was "cancer free." Praise God!

We also flew Jackie Kendrick from Birmingham to his home in Fairhope. He suffered a ruptured disc and at 49 years old was suddenly paralyzed. Join us in prayer that God will restore the use of Jackie's legs. We also flew Caroline Woodruff from Asheville, NC to Montgomery. She is a high school student who suffered a bone tumor. K.J. Lazenby joined us in flying Willie Gray from Pensacola to Houston. Willie awoke one morning with lumps on his neck and doctors didn't offer much hope.

Mike Floyd joined us in flying Matt Fletcher from Lake Charles, LA to Gainesville, FL. Matt was 25 years old with a brain tumor. Mike witnessed to Matt and assisted him en route to Gainesville. Matt died 3 days later. We also flew Dollie Wager from Monroeville to Birmingham for an outpatient treatment. We also assisted Peggy Tenney in returning home from a neck injury in Birmingham.

Tim Tirey helped us fly Joe Griffin of Franklin, AL to Little Rock for the treatment of his cancer. We also flew Lloyd McCall of Monroeville to and from Houston for the treatment of his cancer. Lloyd will be undergoing a stem cell transplant soon. Please pray for the success of this treatment. E.J. Tenney and Terry Chapman flew Swanee King to Atlanta for a connecting flight to New Jersey where she received cancer treatment.

Ministry Support

Financial gifts for the year 2000 have totaled \$11,153 and our expenses have been \$17,142. I believe God is leading us to owning our own plane to serve Him and His people. Please make this issue a part of your prayer time that His will would be done in this matter.

From the President

I am continually amazed at how God uses Pilots for Christ. Many times we are the only organization out there that will help some of these people. This is true in the case of a 14-pound baby who needs a liver transplant. We are "on call" 24 hours a day for this trip. We must arrive at the airport within the allotted time or else the liver transplant cannot be done.

Many organizations such as Angel Flight, The American Red Cross, and others have to operate within strict guidelines. We understand that and accept their positions. However, several years ago God showed me clearly that Pilots for Christ was to operate differently. Not under a law, *but under love*. Our passion is to help those in need - period! Now we do have a stewardship responsibility to the owner of the plane and financial accountability to all of you who give so generously. However, I am totally convinced that it is God's will that we serve those in need based on His nature, not ours.

Our nature tends to question, analyze, rationalize, and generally worry about what others may think if we take the trip. God's nature is to serve (Matt 20:28), to give (Matt 11:28), to show mercy (Hos. 6:6), to have compassion (Ps. 116:5), and, above all else, to love (1 John 4:7-9).

We pledge to continue serving those in need based on the nature of our Lord God. Please join us in prayer that He would continue to provide the necessary resources to do His work, for His people, in His name.

Merry Christmas and may God richly bless you in the approaching new year!

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Tommy Lee, President