

THE BRAUN FAMILY

SERVING THROUGH MISSIONARY AVIATION AT JAARS

Perfect Timing.

Sometimes God seems to go out of the way to remind us that He is at work in the details of our lives. Recently a helicopter pilot, Greg, finished a year of training here at JAARS and was all ready and excited move to Papua New Guinea with his wife and four children. They were only waiting on one important detail: their visas to be approved.

After months of no news, Greg and family decided none-the-less to participate in a scheduled commissioning service that JAARS had planned for their family.

At the commissioning we prayed in faith that the visas would soon be released. Less than an hour after the service, Greg and family were home eating lunch when the doorbell rang. It was the delivery of a package with their approved visas inside! We praise God for moving behind the scenes, and the timing made it even more evident!



With the green light to go, Greg and family quickly finalized their tickets, packed two suitcases each, and in less than a week arrived at their new mission base in Papua New Guinea.

Thank you for your partnership that helped to make it possible for this family to prepare for the mission field. Please pray for them as they adapt and begin serving.

Training in High Gear.

- Our maintenance trainees recently completed three weeks of training on the PT-6 engine. This engine is the powerhouse that is used in three JAARS aircraft around the world: the Kodiak, the Cessna Caravan, and the Pilatus PC-6. Mastering it is a critical part of preparing for the mission field!
- Jeyson continues to focus on mentoring three mechanics in training: Nate, Kyle, and Ben. He is responsible for assigning and guiding them through projects that



target their areas of weakness or inexperience, helping to turn those areas into strengths through hands-on experience. This requires creativity to make good use of the time, as some of them only have a few months before they head to the field!

- Here's a good example: Ben needed to develop the ability to lead a team through a complex maintenance project. To provide this opportunity, Jeyson put him in charge of a team of trainees performing the 100-hour and annual inspections of our Cessna 206. Over the two-week project, Jeyson mentored Ben in both the technical aspects of the work—which often involved research—and in managing project organization and team dynamics. As a result of this project many goals were accomplished at once: Ben gained experience as a project leader, the other maintenance trainees became more familiar with the Cessna 206 (a common mission plane), and the aircraft was prepared to return to the sky for pilot-training.



-Pray for wisdom for Jeyson as he chooses projects, mentors, and evaluates. And pray for quick learning for these men so that in just a few short months they will be ready to serve at remote mission bases.

- As a side note, it is humbling to see the dedication of these families in training! Two of the wives arrived here at JAARS late in their pregnancies, fully aware it would mean changing healthcare providers and giving birth far from family. Still, they didn't want to miss this opportunity, and were eager to come to JAARS so that they can serve on the mission field.

Thank you very much for your faithful and generous partnership that helps to make this ministry possible!!

Coming in for a Very Narrow Landing.

A few weeks ago, JAARS opened an additional rural landing strip that will be used for flight training. It sits on land owned by a local Christian family and hadn't been used in decades; but the new owner decided that he wanted it used to support missions work around the world by allowing our pilots to practice landings on it.

After months of cutting trees, measuring, and finally laying it out, the first operational flight was done. It has lots of challenges which makes it excellent for training. If it appears narrow, it is...80 feet between the trees (the Helio wingspan is 39').

Check out the video clip below to see the landing on this rustic and narrow landing strip!



From the Homefront.

- 1. Audrey loves art and was thrilled that a clay pitcher she made was chosen to be part of school district-wide exhibition.
- 2. Bella turned five a few weeks ago and continues to be our sweet and wild girlie. She came into the house the other day to hand me this frog...and seemed surprised when I told her to play with it outside haha!
- 3. Our friend from college, Nathan, and his family came to visit us a few weeks ago. We loved reconnecting and meeting his wife and son. Hard to believe 20 years have passed since our Moody Bible Institute days!
- 4. We are part of a wonderful life group through our church. One of the wives has been fighting a very difficult battle with cancer, and I am part of a team of people who spend time with her since she cannot be home alone. I love helping in this very practical way. This month was her birthday and her husband went all out throwing her a renaissance themed party, which is a time period she loves. Our whole life group came in costume:).









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