

# .... Airwaves

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## 428 Total Missions Flown

Since our last newsletter, we have been very busy! We have flown 30 missions covering 7 states. We flew little 3-month-old Heaven Leann Parker of Frisco City, AL to Houston, TX for treatment of a heart condition. Our newest pilot, Bob Eubanks of Fairhope, AL flew 17-year-old Tresha Robinson from Mobile to Birmingham for cancer treatment. We also flew Andrew Counselman of Jackson, AL to Baton Rouge, LA to connect with a flight to Houston for ALS treatment.

E.J. Tenney flew little 3-year-old Kinsley Bulgar to Arkansas. Kinsley suffers from cerebral palsy. Jimmy Crenshaw of Excel, AL was flown several times to and from Houston to undergo experimental cancer treatment. Rev. Joe Curtis of Frisco City was flown to and from Little Rock, AK for his

cancer treatment. Terry Chapman flew 2 emergency trips – one due to the death of a spouse, and one for Angel Flight of Georgia. Gail Springer of Brantley Switch, AL was flown to and from Birmingham for cancer treatment.

Mrs. Doris Taylor Bullock was assisted in returning home to Muscle Shoals, AL for her final days. She was able to be with her family and friends one more time and we praise God for allowing this blessing for all concerned. Pam Stewart of Camden, AL was flown to Baton Rouge to connect with another plane for Houston. She suffers from cancer. Sharon Butts of Irvington, AL was flown to Houston for her cancer treatment. Finally, we assisted Sandra Smith in returning to her home in Florida. She suffers from a brain tumor. Interestingly, all 3 of Sandra's children are missionaries.

### Pilots for Christ Mission Support

For 2005, donations have been \$34,060 and expenses have been \$12,118. The large income includes a generous, one-time donation from the estate of a long-time supporter. God continues to richly bless us through others!



### From the President...

I still stand in awe of how God continually works things out in my life. This is especially true in the area of Pilots for Christ. See, there are so many details to be addressed that one person cannot do it all. But, what God births, He blesses. From the believers at His disposal, He selects some to help us with airplane maintenance, some with finances, some with computer skills, some with organizational and coordinating skills necessary for flight schedules, and the list goes on. The Lord has His people in so many places if you will just seek them out, or in some cases, pray them in!

A wonderful example of how God provides and blesses is Joel Bell of Hampton Cove, AL. In February 2003, we flew Joel's brother Gary to Houston for treatment of a rare stomach cancer. Before he lost his battle with cancer a few months later, Gary announced his wish to give back to Pilots for Christ. Joel made a vow to host an annual golf tournament to raise funds to support the continued services of Pilots for Christ. Last year, the first Gary Bell

Memorial Golf Classic was held at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Course in Huntsville, AL, and raised over \$13,000 for the ministry! This year's tournament to be held on June 3 promises to be even better.

Now here's the God part...as strange as it may seem, just 60 days prior to Gary's diagnosis, our chapter had to suspend all flights. We had flown a record number of missions, and our chapter literally ran out of money. We sent an urgent letter to all our supporters notifying them of our financial situation. God moved in their hearts and the response was overwhelming. We returned to financial solvency within 30 days, and remain financially strong today! Praise God who works all things out for His purposes. After our finances were restored, we were able to fly Gary just 4 months after his diagnosis. I believe with all my heart that part of Joel's purpose in life is to honor his brother with his skills and talents in order to help support God's ministry, Pilots for Christ.

There is a Danish proverb that

says, "What you **are** is God's gift to you; what you **do** is your gift to God." Each of us has a divine purpose to accomplish with our lives. Ephesians 2:10 says, "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." My prayer for you is that you will seek out fellow believers, or pray them into your lives so that you can accomplish the purpose God has set just for you.

My dear friend, Ms. Anna Gene Norris (who has gone on to Heaven) told me years ago, "Tommy, God has made you an eagle...now fly!" And that is exactly what I intend to do with my life, all for the glory of God, the one who saved me. How about you? What has God been urging you to do with your life to glorify Him? Whatever it is, you will also stand in awe of how He works everything out so that you can accomplish your divine purpose. What a mighty and awesome God we serve!

Soaring and Smiling,

Tommy