



Jim & Becky Levander, Silas and Micaiah

Serving with Africa Inland Mission's AIM AIR - Based in the northern suburbs of Chicago

The Levanders have been with AIM AIR since 2003, serving 9 years in Nairobi from 2004-2013. Jim is an aircraft mechanic and served in several positions while overseas, including Piston Fleet Supervisor, Chief Inspector and Quality Manager. Since moving to the US, Jim has provided support to the Nairobi base as both a representative for AIM AIR and a stateside technical logistician. Becky also filled many volunteer roles overseas with hospitality and incoming missionary orientation. She has been homeschooling our boys as well. She now serves with Africa Inland Mission's Member Care team.

Jim and Becky were both born and raised in the Chicago-Rockford area. Jim originally attended Iowa State University after high school, but was struck on many sides by missionary aviation his first summer back home from college. After praying for guidance through his third semester at ISU, God moved him to accept the challenge of life supporting the front lines of God's gospel mission. He attended Moody Bible Institute's program and went short-term to Kenya in 1992 after his A&P training year. The time with AIM was a life-changing experience and his mind was forever set that direction. He graduated in 1994, held a few maintenance positions at local airports in Illinois to work off debt and set his sights on Nairobi, though God would delay him for a time. Jim found Becky at the turn of the millennium and they were married in November of 2000. They went short-term as a couple in 2002 and applied together shortly thereafter. They left for the field in March of 2004 with one new child in tow (Silas, born July of 2003). A second boy, Micaiah, was born in Nairobi in 2005.

While serving with AIM AIR in Nairobi, the Levanders became heavily involved with an international group of high schoolers for a Sunday night Bible study. This led to a fruitful and precious ministry that worked its way into Jim and Becky's heart and led Jim to consider seminary. They left the field in March of 2013, having been accepted to Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. Jim has now completed two years of a 3-4 year Master of Divinity program and is enjoying the coursework and his professors and classmates. Not excited about totally leaving aviation, he had the opportunity to work on a private business jet for about 18 months as well.