

**Glen Evert, Apprentice Aircraft Mechanic
with MMS Aviation (Missionary Maintenance Services), Coshocton OH**

I was born and raised in south-central Wisconsin. I moved to Ohio, trying to rekindle an already tumultuous relationship, believing the girl was all I had left to live for. The Holy Spirit had been drawing me to Christ for years, and I finally trusted Jesus as Savior at the age of 20, soon after settling in Ohio – the best and most memorable day of my life. I began working at a wholesale greenhouse in OH, and helping a missionary to Guatemala by repairing donated wheelchairs and helping with distributing these to people who had become disabled due to civil wars and natural disasters. A love for missions began to germinate in my heart.

I met my lovely wife Kris at the greenhouse, and soon married. God led us through many challenges, trials, and preparations for our future. Seeking the Lord in prayer I felt impressed to look into aircraft maintenance as a career in 2000 and was accepted to Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics (PIA). Several difficulties occurred that forced me to withdraw before even beginning classes at PIA. Soon after, we discovered MMS Aviation in Coshocton, OH, where God showed us the connection between missions and aviation, and we knew this was what God was calling us into. The Lord held us back from this for a time, but kept the fire kindled in our hearts for missions. In 2011, after a successful business venture in plumbing and having worked hard to get out of debt, God impressed upon us to look into MMS once again — many years since first inquiring, and this time He opened the doors wide!

Please pray for:

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Now that I'm able to look back on the last 14 years, I can see where we needed further growth and preparation. God, in His infinite wisdom knew we weren't ready then, but He's been preparing us all along. We feel that MMS Aviation is a perfect fit for the gifts God has given us. God has given me a love for mechanical things and attention to detail, and I've used these "talents" extensively in all the various jobs I've had. Kris is gifted in the area of bookkeeping and finances. She also has used her gifts in her jobs and at church, and I credit her with keeping our "heads above water" with our plumbing business. We recognize clearly how God has developed us over the years.

After being accepted by MMS Aviation in 2011 and raising support, I began my aviation maintenance apprenticeship in March 2014. This apprenticeship period lasts approximately 2-1/2 years, working full-time in the hangar on missionary aircraft and gaining hands-on training, and doing night-time study in my off-hours. After this, I plan to use my training from MMS to serve the Lord in missionary aviation wherever He may lead us!