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"It is doubtful whether God can bless a man greatly until He has hurt him deeply." – A.W. Tozer

After sustaining a life-altering back injury in 2010, I was brought to the lowest place in my life. Through two years of extreme back pain (to the point where I was only able to sleep about 2 hours a night, and not even able to sit down during the day) I found myself asking God "What can you do with a broken man like me?" God answered that question after my back surgery in 2012, where He fully healed my body.

Following my back surgery I was required to take a month off of work for recovery. This was the first time in my life where I had an entire month to spend fellowshiping with God all day, every day. Through prayer & Bible study, God answered that question of what He can do with me. God directed me to look at the passions and skills that He has blessed me with, and it was rather like putting together a jigsaw puzzle. When you look at just one piece, the picture doesn't make sense. But when you put all the pieces together, the picture becomes clear. Those pieces are:

- 1.) A heart for ministry. My college degrees are Youth Ministry & Counseling, and my wife and I have been serving in youth ministry in our church for over 16 years.
- 2.) A passion for flying. Ever since I was a boy, I've loved flying - particularly in small airplanes.
- 3.) A skill in the French language. I started studying French when I was 9 years old and studied all the way through college. During college I also worked for a Frenchman in a foreign imports store.
- 4.) A heart for Africa. Ever since I was a boy in our church's AWANA ministry and brought in my spare change & ball-point pens to go to a childrens ministry in Zimbabwe, Africa.

So putting together all those pieces, it became clear that God has been preparing me for years to serve as a missionary pilot in a French speaking African country - at this point it looks like Cameroon. After serving in ministry at MMS Aviation for 2-½ years (I started in Feb 2015) and then for 2 years at Missionary Air Group, I should be fully prepared to serve as a missionary airplane pilot & mechanic wherever God may lead us.

Please pray for
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