

JOSH AND ERIN VERDONCK NEW TRIBES MISSION AVIATION

Josh grew up overseas in Papua New Guinea as his parents are missionaries with New Tribes Mission. Growing up on the mission field he had the opportunity to fly along with NTMA pilots as they conducted their ministry. He soon fell in love with aviation but more so with the goal of New Tribes Mission: reaching people with the gospel.



After graduating from the mission school in Papua New Guinea, Josh had the unique opportunity to complete a three month internship with NTMA. During this time he decided that flying for NTMA was what The Lord had for him. After a year in Belgium, Josh attended the School of Missionary Aviation Technology (SMAT) in Ionia, MI. Here he completed his Private, Instrument and Commercial Licenses along with some mission-specific pilot training. It was during his last months at SMAT that he and Erin got married.

Erin grew up in central Florida. Also from a very young age she wanted to serve on the mission field, however didn't know where. She earned her AA in education at the College of Central Florida. She has been teaching at a private school for children with learning and social difficulties and hopes to utilize her experience there on the mission field.

Josh currently holds FAA Commercial Single and Multiengine Licenses in both along with a Certified Flight Instructor (CFI) and Certified Flight Instrument Instructor (CFII) licenses. He has been working full time as a flight instructor for Ocala Aviation Services in Florida for two years. Josh and Erin will be attending two semesters at New Tribes Bible Institute before heading to Papua New Guinea in the fall of 2014.

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