

## Jim & Kris Stewart

Jim and Kris Stewart are currently serving with Ethnos360 Aviation and are on staff at the Ethnos360 Aviation headquarters in McNeal AZ where Jim is the Supervisor of McNeal Aviation Operations and Training. Kris is the Head Receptionist and she also oversees the flight following program and the childcare program.



Jim was raised in a Christian home and accepted Christ as his Savior at age 5 while attending a mission's conference in the Philippines. His interest in missionary aviation began in grade school and was confirmed after a short-term mission trip to Peru, where he helped to build an airstrip in the Andes Mountains. After graduating from High School, he attended Multnomah School of the Bible, (now Multnomah University) graduating with an Associates of Arts in Biblical Studies. He then attended a local community college where he received his Aircraft Mechanic's license and an Associates of Science in Aviation Maintenance Technology.

Kris was also raised in a Christian home and she accepted Christ as her Savior at age 6 during a children's crusade at her church. After graduating from High School, she also attended Multnomah School of the Bible for one year.

Jim and Kris were married in 1987 and then moved to Seattle where Jim worked as an aircraft mechanic. He also started working towards getting his flight ratings. In 1992 they moved to Grand Rapids, MI where Jim attended Grand Rapids School of the Bible and Music where he completed his flight training. They applied to New Tribes Mission and were accepted to begin the training program in 1995. They spent a year in missions training at Baker City, OR after which they went to Missouri for 6 months of language school and then off to Arizona for 9 months of more specialized flight training.

They served in Senegal from 1998 to 2011. Jim was both pilot and mechanic, he served on a field leadership committee, and he was also the computer technician for the field. Kris' main responsibility was to flight follow while Jim was flying but she was also the supply buyer for the field as well as helping with hospitality. After leaving Senegal in 2011 they took a leave of absence to help their three children adjust to living in the US, after which they resumed full time ministry with Ethnos360 Aviation in 2017.

They count it a privilege to be able to serve the Lord with Ethnos360Aviation and are blessed to be a part of reaching the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ through missionary aviation.