

Jeff & Wonita Werley



Jeff & Wonita are involved in planting tribal churches as support missionaries of Ethnos360 (formerly known as New Tribes Mission). They work in Arizona, USA, at the home office of Ethnos360 Aviation.

Jeff is from Pennsylvania and has been interested in aviation since childhood. He attended a Christian aviation camp as a teenager where he became aware of many missionary aviation needs and opportunities. He completed Bible training and missionary aviation training (pilot and aircraft mechanic certification) at a small school in Michigan. Uncertain of which mission to join he served as a volunteer aircraft mechanic in Colombia, South America, with Ethnos360 in 1991. He then decided to join Ethnos360 full-time, completing missionary and aviation training in 1996. He was enroute to Senegal, Africa, but before he left, he became reacquainted with Wonita, whom he had met in Colombia. Since 1997 Wonita has been his wife and best friend.

Jeff holds a Commercial Pilot certificate with multi-engine and instrument ratings and is a licensed aircraft mechanic. After a serious illness in 1998 Jeff rerouted his energies away from flying and into diverse ministries over the years: coaching young people through the lengthy missionary aviation training process, traveling as a representative of Ethnos360 Aviation to training schools and air shows, desktop publishing, and other US-based projects.

Wonita is also from Pennsylvania. She wanted to be a missionary among remote unreached peoples but became a teacher to pay off her college debt. After becoming aware of the need for teachers to care for missionaries' children, and equipped with a Master's degree in elementary education and several years' experience, she joined Ethnos360 in 1988.

In Colombia, South America, Wonita taught various subjects to missionary kids (MKs) from 1989-1996. Aware of the struggle some MKs experienced due to learning difficulties she also became a Certified Educational Therapist to work one-on-one with students outside of the classroom. Wonita also served for three years as the co-administrator of the Ethnos360 school before it was closed due to insurgent activity.

In Arizona she continued working with students having learning issues. Today Wonita is the Media Manager for Ethnos360 Aviation, writing newsletters and articles while helping the media team expand Web and print endeavors.

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