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ON WINGS, ON A MISSION

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From a very early age, as early as six years old, I have been emphatically enamored by aircraft. At first in my infant mind, I identified them as “noisy birds that fly very fast”, but as the years progressed I have come to classify them as, “the fastest, safest and by far the coolest mode of transportation in the world”. The reason behind this early fascination in airplanes is still a mystery to me, but whatever the reason was, that little spark of interest has burst into flames within me to give birth to my growing desire to become a pilot.

Along with this desire to be a pilot simply out of a love for the beauty of flight, another desire that has gradually taken precedence in my heart is my desire to obey the call to “go into the world and preach the gospel to all nations”. Here is the story of how I was called to God’s work. Growing up as a missionary kid I was brought up by godly parents, and one of the many great virtues they taught me was to trust in the Lord for everything. In the early stages of our journey together in the mission field, I was quite discontent with the fact that my parents often seemed to be struggling financially. I can remember going up to my dad to ask for an item or to participate in an activity that cost money, only to get the reply, “we are currently waiting on the Lord for provision” or something like that. This didn’t sit well with my yet immature mind as I expected that despite the fact that my parents were missionaries, they should always have money to “provide for the family” (more like to spend freely) just like my other friends. As a result of this flawed perspective, coupled with financially tough times (which really weren’t as common as I thought now that I look), I began to resent the idea of becoming a missionary when I grew up. At that point in time, I didn’t want “to be like my dad”.

Thankfully and all praise be to God, my heart towards mission began to change. This transformation began to happen when I started to witness the miraculous ways the Lord provided for my family and

me. Time and time again I would hear of instances when a member of the church would feel led to bless us financially. No matter how little the contribution, these acts of kindness, in obedience to God, began to soften my heart. Over time God opened my eyes to see that indeed, “in all things He [God] works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose” Romans 8:28. The second part of that verse especially stuck out to me, “called according to His purpose”. Through my parents, He taught me that wherever I find myself in life, if I am walking in obedience to Him, He has promised to go with me, and when He goes with me, I can be sure that all my needs will be met. All my needs I learnt, not all my wants, because I think that for a long time I was expecting God to give me my wants too, forgetting the fact that all my needs were actually been met in His time. Now I understand as the Psalmist says that if I delight myself in God, meditating on His word and dwelling in His presence, He will grant me the desires as my heart is transformed to want what He wants (Psalm 37:4). As time went by I began to trust more in God and His sovereignty and this led to the next stage in my growth.

As I grew into a teenager, God began to shape my heart even more to make me into a vessel He would use for His glory. Through various sermons, testimonies and songs, the Holy Spirit began to reveal to me in bits and pieces what Jesus meant when He said the words recorded in Matthew 28:19. For a long time I had heard and read that sentence as a suggestion or a plea that the Lord made to His disciples. It wasn’t until I began to see the verse as command and not a suggestion that I became really convicted of the misguided way in which I had been speculating my future and viewing mission work. The call to be a missionary (a witness for Christ who is commissioned to the goal of sharing the gospel and making disciples) is a command to all followers of Jesus! This took me aback and from that day forward (whichever day it was that the Holy Spirit revealed this to me) I

rededicated my life to answering Jesus' command. So as far as I was concerned, instead of the simple desire to be a pilot and fly big jets and make money, I was now determined to share the gospel and make disciples wherever I found myself, even if it meant not being a pilot. However, because I am certain that my desire to fly is God given, I think God is planning to use this desire to equip me for His Kingdom work.

Over the past 3 years, there have been many events that have helped solidify my desire to serve the Lord as missionary pilot. One of such experiences was Urbana 2012. The purpose of Urbana is to inspire young adults, specifically college students and high school seniors, to give their lives completely to God's work. Praise be to God, I can testify and say that Urbana did exactly that for me. It was at Urbana that I got a clearer picture of the vastness of God's work of redemption in our broken world, and realized what a privilege it is that I, who is by nature a selfish and prideful sinner, has been graciously redeemed, and chosen to be part of such an amazing work of reconciliation. I was alerted to the urgency of this mission and the need for me to pick up my cross daily and follow Christ, even if it cost me my life! (Luke 10:2, Luke 9:23-24) And finally at Urbana I made a public and written commitment to long term missions of some kind. (I still have the paper in my wallet right now). All glory be to God! It is only by His grace that I was able to reach that position.

Another milestone that grew my passion for missions was my admission into LeTourneau University. I never thought I would ever have the opportunity to go to flight school because of the extremely high cost, and I had already begun to seriously consider aeronautical engineering. But thanks be to God, He had other plans and I discovered LeTourneau University and was accepted. This opportunity to pursue my childhood

dream was part of the confirmation of my calling to serve God through mission aviation, which simply put, combines God's mission (now our mission) and aviation! A match made in heaven in my opinion.

In conclusion, over the past 18 years of my life I have experienced God masterfully and beautifully shape my heart into one that willingly lays down everything for the advancement of His kingdom. I will humbly admit to the fact that although that desire is present and is growing stronger in my heart, like Jesus said "the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak" (Matt 26:41). My only hope in this battle against my flesh is to fix my eyes on Him and like my parents repeatedly taught, to trust Him with all my heart (Proverbs 3:5). God started His work in my heart and He will certainly finish it. I don't currently have specific a country in mind but being an MK in the Arab world (or "AW") I have been exposed to various international cultures and I know my heart is for the whole world. My experience with the French and Arabic languages and the Arab culture points to the possibility of me serving in similar settings. However like I mentioned earlier, it doesn't matter to me where He sends me because I know He will go before me. Like Chris Tomlin rightly writes, "The God of angel armies is always by my side...whom shall I fear!"



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For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved those who are perishing. To the one we are an aroma that brings death; to the other, an aroma that brings life. And who is equal to such a task? Unlike so many, we do not peddle the word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, as those sent from God.

— II Corinthians 2:15-17

宗旨

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澆灌神的工人，在靈性、身體與經濟上的需要。

執行 - 飛行任務

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從我6歲開始，我就一直對飛機特別迷戀。首先，在我成熟的腦海裡，我認為它們是一種“飛行速度非常快又嘈吵的鳥”，但隨著時間的增長，我把它們重定為“世界上最快，最安全和最酷的運輸工具”。我還不清楚為什麼我早期會對飛機有如此的迷戀，但無論是什麼原因，那好像小火花的興趣已經在我裡面產生，讓我越來越渴望成為一名飛行員。

本來因為感覺飛行的優美，而渴望成為一名飛行員。現今另外一個意念已經逐步取代我心裡本來的願望，就是聽從神的呼召“走進世界，把福音傳給萬民”。下面是我如何被呼召作神事工的過程。我生在一個宣教士的家庭，在敬虔的父母帶領下成長，他們教導我許多的美德，其中一樣是要對神完全的信靠。在我們宣教旅程的初期，我非常不滿的，是我的父母似乎常常在經濟上有問題。我還記得當我向父親要某樣東西或提出參加一些要花錢的活動，得到的答復是，“我們目前正在等候主的供應。”或類似的回答。這並沒有滿足我還不成熟的心智，我覺得雖然父母是宣教士，他們應該永遠有足夠的金錢“來供應家庭的需要”（更進一步是可以隨意的花費），就像我的其他朋友。這種不正確的觀念，加上有時候經濟上有艱難（現在回頭來看，這確實不是時常發生的）。結果，我開始對將來長大後成為一名宣教士的念頭產生抗拒。當時，我不想“像我爸。”

感謝神，讚美神，我對宣教的意念開始發生變化。當我看見神如何用奇蹟的方式提供我和我一家的需要，這種轉變開始發生。一次又一次我聽到教會的弟兄姐

妹作見證，神如何感動他們來供應我們的需要。不管那供應是多麼小，那出於愛心和順服神的行為，開始軟化我的心。隨著時間的過去，神讓我看到羅馬書8:28 “我們曉得萬事都互相效力，叫愛神的人得益處，就是按他旨意被召的人。”是確實的。這節經文的第三句特別提醒我，我們是“按祂旨意被召”。通過我的父母，神教導我，無論我在什麼環境中，如果我順服祂，祂答應和我一起去，當祂與我在一起，我可以肯定我所有的需求會得到供應。我了解到，我所有的要求，並非是我的需要。有相當長的一段時間，我希望神給我所要求的，卻忘了在祂的時間裡，祂已經滿足我所有的需要。現在我明白詩人在詩篇37:4所說，如果我以耶和華為樂，默想祂的話，並住在他裡面，他就將你心裡所求的賜給你，因為我的願望已經被轉換成祂的旨意。隨著時間的流逝，我開始更深的信靠神和祂的主權，這導致了我下一個階段的成長。

在我少年時期，神開始塑造我的心靈，讓我成為一個可以供祂使用的器皿，來榮耀祂。透過講台的分享，見證和詩歌，聖靈慢慢開始向我顯示記載在馬太福音28:19耶穌基督的意思。有一段很長的時間，我所聽到和讀到這句話的意思，是耶穌基督對門徒的一個建議或請求。直到我開始明白這是主的命令，而不是一個建議，我明白自己一直在不正確的方法中，來摸索我的未來和觀看宣教工作。呼召成為一個宣教士（基督的見證人是被委託，目標是去分享福音，訓練門徒），是對所有基督徒的一個命令！這把我驚醒，從那天開始（不太清楚是哪一天，聖靈向我啟

示)我重新奉獻我的一生來回應耶穌的命令。對我來說，我的願望，已經不是要成為一個飛行員，駕駛大型飛機和賺很多的錢，我現在的決心是，無論我到什麼地方，那怕我未能成為飛行員，都要分享福音，訓練門徒。但是，因為我相信我要成為飛行員的願望，是神賦予的，神正計劃用這個願望裝備我成就祂國度的事工。

在過去3年中，許多事件發生，幫助和鞏固我的意願，成為一個宣教飛行員來侍奉主。其中一個經歷是2012年厄巴納特會，特會的目的是激發年輕人，特別是大學生和高三學生，把他們的生命完全奉獻給神，作主工。感謝神，我可以作證，厄巴納特會確實改變了我。在厄本納，我更清楚看到這破碎的世界，實在需要神的救贖，並意識到，我本來是一個自私和驕傲的罪人，被祂贖回，被揀選參與神救贖和神與人和好的事工。我已知悉這一使命的緊迫性，需要我每天背起我的十字架，跟隨基督，甚至賠上我的生命！（路加福音10：2，路加福音9：23-24）最後在厄巴納特會上，我做了一個公開，並書面的承諾（那份承諾仍然在我的錢包裡）奉獻成為宣教士。一切榮耀歸給神！只有通過神的恩典，我能達到這個職分。

增添我對宣教熱情的另一個里程碑，是我被萊圖爾諾大學錄取。我從來沒有想過我會有機會上飛行學校，因為飛行學校昂貴的學費，讓我已經開始認真考慮選修航空工程。但是，感謝神和祂的計劃，我

找到萊圖爾諾大學並被錄取。給我這樣的機會去追求我兒時的夢想，確認了神對我的呼召，以飛行宣教來侍奉神，結合了神的使命（現在是我們的使命）和飛行！在我看來，是一個完美的結合。

總之，在過去的18年，我經歷過神在我身心靈巧妙地和美麗的塑造，讓我心甘情願放下一切為神的國度盡力。我虛心承認一個事實是，雖然我心中這種願望是存在並日益加強，但是好像耶穌說：“心靈固然願意，肉體卻軟弱了”（太26：41）。對抗我的肉體唯一的希望是定睛在神的身上，和謹守我父母一再的教導，要專心依賴耶和華（箴言3：5）。神開始在我心中動工，他肯定會成就。到目前為止，我還沒有具體考慮在什麼國家服侍，但是我是生長在阿拉伯國家（或“AW”）宣教士的家庭。我雖然受不同的國際文化的熏陶，也知道我的負擔是整個世界。我的法語，阿拉伯語和阿拉伯文化背景，對我在類似地區服務有一定的優勢。但是就像我前面提到的，祂差派我到什麼地方並不重要，因為我知道祂會在我之前去。像克里斯·湯姆林正確地寫道，“統領天使天軍的神總是在我身邊……我還怕誰呢”！

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因為我們在神面前，無論在得救的人身上或滅亡的人身上，都有基督馨香之氣。在這等人，就作了死的香氣叫他死；在那等人，就作了活的香氣叫他活。這事誰能當得起呢？我們不像那許多人，為利混亂神的道；乃是由於誠實，由於神，在神面前憑著基督講道。

哥林多後書2:15-17