

Siebring Flyer



WHAT IS YAFTA?

Youth with a mission aviation training academy (YAFTA) is a new school within YWAM. YAFTA will be a 6 month program training missionary pilots and serving Afghanistan. The first three months will take place here in Colorado Springs. During these first three months the students will receive biblical training as well as flight training, allowing each of the students the opportunity to receive their private pilot's license.

The final three months will be the outreach phase of the school and is planned to be in Afghanistan. The students will have the opportunity to teach in the Aviation Education program serving Afghans as well as have the opportunity to shadow missionary pilots who work in this field. This will give students the opportunity to gain practical field experience and see what being a missionary pilot is all about before the students sink all the time and money into all the training required to be a pilot serving on the mission field.

After the students have completed the course they will have several options to choose from. They could come on staff with the YWAM aviation program, they can remain on the field as an intern or they can continue their flight training and become a missionary pilot. We believe that God will use this program to train up many that will go to the ends of the earth to reach those who have never heard the saving message of Jesus. For more information please email info@ywamaviation.org or call 719-590-8200.

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Seeing Dinosaurs for First Time

Two Worlds Collide

Imagine growing up in a country where you never have known anything but, war and destruction. There is minimal electricity at best, no running water and education is a luxury. This is the world that our dear Afghan friends have always known. Recently a group of students from the aviation education program we are involved with in Afghanistan were sent by the FAA to America to continue their education in aviation.

Imagine the shock they went through as they entered this strange new World called America, the land of opportunity. They were amazed that there was several rooms to their apartment and all of the rooms were warm! This is something they would never experience in the winter in Kabul. There was running water that they could drink right out of the tap.

One of these students happened to be a dear friend of mine and we had the amazing opportunity to have her come and visit with us for a few short days. During this visit we went to the zoo where she saw animals that she had never heard of before. We visited the Science and Nature museum where she learned for the first time that there are other planets in our solar system! This visit was such a blessing to me. It gave me an even deeper appreciation for how much God has blessed us as a country and me individually. We all have so much to be thankful for!



View from Kabul ATC Tower

AFGHAN STUDENTS DEPART

Back in December a small group of Afghan students were given the opportunity to come to America to further their studies in aviation. These students had been a part of the Aviation education program we help to serve in Kabul. The students were funded through the FAA to come to America for 10 weeks to learn about air traffic control. These students have now returned to Afghanistan.

You see, even though these students are far more educated than most Afghans, and will have great jobs working for the airport upon their return, they will be government jobs paying very little, about sixty dollars a month. Kabul is an expensive city. Sixty dollars will not even pay for their housing so, these students will have to get second jobs to cover the additional cost of housing and to buy food. Despite these obstacles they each have high hopes and expectations of a great future and rebuilding their devastated country. It is Afghans like these ones we have served that will make the difference.

There will be another group of Afghan students arriving in America in March. Please pray with us for these students that have returned as well as the new students that will be arriving. The students returning to Kabul are going back not only more educated but, have had a change in their world view and had the gospel lived in front of them and presented to them. They have a real chance of helping to change their country.



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The Long Road of Recovery

Phil. 4: 11 -13 "I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength." (NIV)

If there is one lesson I have learned through these past years it is, God's way's are not my own. There have been many times when I have questioned why God would take us from serving full time in Afghanistan, would allow me to suffer through so many physical ailments (some of which I am still battling) but, I have seen God use these situations in many ways for his glory. I don't know all the answers but, God has taught me to be content in all situations.

I have learned that contentment has very little to do with what I do or don't have, how I feel, or where we may live. Contentment is a state of mind. It is a choice.

I know that my life is in God's hands and that it doesn't have to make sense to know I am secure. I pray that no matter the circumstances you may be facing today, that you also can find contentment, knowing that God is in control!



P.S. For those who are reading this newsletter electronically click here to send a response.

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Praise & Prayer

Praise:

- The aviation school will begin in June!!!
- We will be receiving foster children into our home soon!
- We have all stayed healthy this winter

Prayer

- For the aviation school that is starting in June
- For the foster children we will be taking into our home
- For an increase in our finances.
- For the finances need to travel to Maine this spring

[Click here to send us a prayer request](#)



Dear Family, Friends, & Partners,

I pray that as you sit down with your cup of coffee or tea and read through this letter that it would touch your heart and minister to you. Please keep in touch and let us know if there is anything specific we could be praying with you about. It is an honor and a privilege for us to pray for you and lift up your needs before the father.

Recently our children began preparing to be in our churches Easter production. It's amazing to think that in just a few weeks we will be celebrating this wonderful day that we remember Christ death and resurrection. We pray that as this great day approaches that you will remember the power of his resurrection is available to you today.

We look forward to hearing from you. We love you all and pray God peace and blessing would rest upon you during this Easter season.

*Ray + Julie Siebring,
Clia, Gabriella + Josiah*



Our Tentative Timeline...

Ray work on YAFTA in Colorado Springs	Jan-June, '08
Ray travel to YWAM Bases in the Southwest region to Mobilize	March, '08
Siebring's travel to Maine to mobilize and visit supporters	April-May, '08
Siebring's train staff for YAFTA	May, '08



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