

Siebring Flyer



YAF TA UPDATE

Did you know that there is only one missionary for every one million Muslims in the world today? (Source: US Center for World Mission) There are more missionaries in Alaska than in the whole Muslim world.

This statistic answers a lot of the questions we are asked such as "why we are serving in the region of the world that we are"? We do not discourage mission work in any other part of the world but just as the apostle Paul wrote in his letter to the Roman church "My ambition has always been to preach the good news where the name of Christ has never been heard, rather than where a church has already been started by someone else" 15:20 NLV.

Infact, YAF TA is partnering with the FAA, ICAO and other NGO's to help build the foundations of the civil aviation industry in Afghanistan and train the future leaders of the nation while using a values based curriculum and doing relational evangelism.

The truth is that there is a large area of the world that is hurting, that wants to know God. All creation cries out testifying to his existence and man's very souls bear witness to the longing of a relationship with their creator.

Paul Quotes Isaiah 52:15 to the Romans declaring "...Those who have never been told about him will see, and those who have never heard of him will understand". It is incredible that God, in his mercy goes before us revealing himself by his spirit.

At the same time God has always used a representative to live as a witness. Even Jesus took on flesh and entered this world to teach us about the father. This is what we endeavor to do in some small way. Live our live simply representing Christ in such a way that we can be salt and light, establishing the kingdom of God where ever we set foot. As a Christian you also are his representative where ever you set go as well. Be encouraged that God goes before you and let's walk carefully together. – Ray Siebring

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Elias Speaking for First Time

Sharing From The Heart

This spring Ray and I each had opportunities to travel, sharing about overseas missions and the aviation program we are honored to be a part of both here in the states as well as in Afghanistan.

Ray began by taking a trip to the North East with Elias. They had an opportunity to travel around Maine, New Hampshire, New York and New Jersey.

While on this trip Elias, our 8 year old son had his first opportunity to share in his own words about his experiences in Afghanistan as well as his thoughts on Missions and being a missionary. It was a proud moment in our lives.

Once Ray and Elias returned to Colorado, I took the next two trips.

In May Gabriella and I drove to Washington state and then on to British Columbia, Canada. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to visit with supporters and share all the wonderful things God is doing in this ministry. Our usually shy little girl, spoke on several occasions about Afghanistan and the desperate need there is for Missionaries in this dry and desolate land.

It has been amazing to watch Elias and Gabriella grow in their walk with God and take ownership in this ministry. This truly is a family endeavour and the children all know that they are called to serve just as much as Ray and I are.

Josiah and I made a trip back to Maine in May. *Josiah had opportunity to share at churches but, he chose to do acrobatics in front of the church while I spoke instead!* I guess that it may take a few years yet before he's ready to share more than his gymnastic skills – Julie Siebring



The Siebring's Six Kids

DOUBLE THE FUN

We have always had a dream of having a large family. We would watch movies like cheaper by the dozen and think that having a big family like that would be a dream come true. I know to most of you this probably sounds crazy!

This dream was dashed when I was told after having Josiah, that we would not be able to have any more children of our own.

Ray and I talked about the possibility of adopting overseas but, the cost was prohibitive. When our family returned from overseas this past fall, we felt God had called us to pursue doing foster parenting with the option to adopt.

Ray and I went through a 7 month process of doing classes, taking tests, having home studies, and back ground checks done. In March we became licensed as foster/ adopt parents and within a few days received a phone call asking us to take a sibling group consisting of three very young children.

Our family prayed together about taking these three children into our home and all felt that God was saying yes, we were to take these babies in.

As many of you have probably added up the numbers, this makes us a family of 8! We feel so blessed to have had these children placed into our home while we continue our work with the ministry in Afghanistan. Now we are working on the mission field both overseas and here in our own backyard. James writes in the bible that the definition of true religion is to take care of the widow and to the orphan. This is what we endeavor to do on both sides of the world

These children have been a challenge at times but also reward us with lots of small victories, hugs and kisses. Having 6 kids under the age of 8 means allot of adjustments. God has done a huge work in their lives during this time they have spent with us but the bigger work has been accomplished in our lives. God has been so faithful to our family, providing the support when we need it and never letting us go without.

We don't know what the future holds but we do know that it is always full of adventure. – Julie Siebring



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The First Complete Dari Bible

Twenty-five years ago, the Dari New Testament was published. Since then, thousands of Afghans have read the Gospels in their own Afghan Persian. However, for the Old Testament, they had to rely on Iranian publications, which was very difficult for many. In 2007, the Dari Psalms was printed and distributed. The Psalms was so well-received, it is already in its second printing.

Now, for the first time ever, the complete Dari Bible has been printed. After 20 years, with many ups and downs and many different people involved, the Dari Bible is ready for Afghans—a huge milestone for Afghanistan. Here is a quote from one Afghan who received a copy.

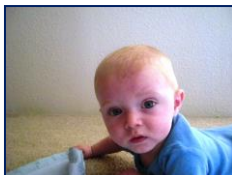
When I read the New Testament in the Dari language, I feel it belongs to me and is for me. The new full Bible in Dari is a great gift and tribute for me and my fellow countrymen. God also gave me the privilege to lead a person to the Lord. He had recently had a dream that someone would come and tell him the truth. He said, 'It's amazing how I feel now. I think you are that person in my dream.'

- Translated and edited under supervision of United Bible Societies
- Includes a general introduction and introductions for every book of the Bible
- 1710 pages, 12 colored maps
- Burgundy vinyl cover

Available for PDF downloads at www.afghanbibles.org - Pamir



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Dear Family, Friends, & Partners,

I pray that as you sit down with your cup of coffee or tea and read through this letter that you would be blessed and challenged by the news and events of our lives. Please let us know if there is something specific that stands out to you. Please also let us know if there is a way we could be praying for you or help with a need you may have. It's an honor for us to hold up your needs in prayer.

Our family would also like to extend an invitation to you, to come visit us in Colorado. We would love to show you around the YWAM base and to show you the aviation program that you have sown into through your prayers or financial support.

Please give us a call or send us an email if you are able to visit at any point this year! We love you and hope to see you!

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

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Praise & Prayer

Praise

- The aviation school will begin in January!!!
- We have received foster children into our home!
- God's provision and protection has been evident over our family as we travel and take care of these foster kids

Prayer

- For the aviation school that is starting in January. We need staff, aircraft & finances
- For the foster children we have taken into our home
- For an increase in our finances.

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



Our Tentative Timeline...

Ray work on YAFTA in Colorado Springs	June-Aug, '08
Julie begins working in YAFTA office	August, '08
Julie travels to TX to Mobilize and raise support	September, '08
Siebring's travel to Northwest to Mobilize & Raise support	October, '08



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