



Planes with Purpose

An Update from the Hammitt Family

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We've Arrived in Burlington!

The first week of December we loaded a moving truck and drove ourselves and our earthly possessions from Coshocton, Ohio to Burlington, North Carolina. Despite the relatively short time we spent in Coshocton, it was difficult to leave behind the friends that we have come to know and love. But as we open a new chapter in our lives and ministry, we are excited about the future that awaits us here in Burlington and beyond.

The Lord provided a nice house for us, which we are renting from a Christian couple whose children attend Burlington Christian Academy with Ian and Ella (more on that below). We have already found a church to call home (Antioch Community Church), which was one of our main concerns. The church is solidly grounded in God's Word and places a strong emphasis on family. They encourage and equip men, women and children to develop a strong faith at home, so we can live out that faith in the world around us. We think that's just what we need as we prepare for overseas service.

As I mentioned above, Ian and Ella have begun attending Burlington Christian Academy. We originally planned to continue home-schooling, but when the opportunity to enroll them at BCA was presented to us, we decided to take advantage of it. For this season of life, we think the structure of school is good for them (it's been hard to keep a consistent schedule in the midst of our transition), and they have already begun developing friendships at BCA.

Aaron is just beginning his training with Missionary Air Group. Each week will be divided between flight days (which will primarily be focused on training and building flight experience) and maintenance days (when Aaron will continue to keep his maintenance skills sharp by maintaining MAG's aircraft). You may recall that the flight apprenticeship program is only a small part of MAG's mission. MAG is primarily a mission organization focused on bringing "help and hope by air" to people in isolated areas of Guatemala, Honduras and Gabon. We are excited that Aaron can continue his flight training while simultaneously supporting Missionary Air Group's ministry.

Thank you so much for your partnership in this ministry, and for supporting us as we serve with MMS Aviation and Missionary Air Group. We are blessed to have so many people holding us up, and we couldn't do it without you!



This was one of the kids' ways of saying goodbye to our home in Coshocton, Ohio—through driveway chalk.



More sidewalk chalk art—this time to embrace our new home in North Carolina!



One last family photo in front of the moving truck before hitting the road.



We made it to Burlington in time to participate in Missionary Air Group's first Christmas party in the new hangar. A few people were missing, but for the most part these are the brothers and sisters we will serve alongside at MAG.



Kids' Corner

Prayer Points

We give thanks...

- ... for a smooth transition to Burlington.
- ... that we have already found a home church.

Please join us in praying for...

- ... Aaron and his instructors, that Aaron would be well-prepared for service as a missionary pilot/mechanic.
- ... the kids' transition to Burlington Christian Academy.
- ... Tara to find a place to serve that fits her gifts and passions.
- ... opportunities to show the love of Christ in our neighborhood and community.
- ... God to continue to mold, shape, and refine us as individuals and a family, especially as we get closer to moving and serving overseas.

Mission Trip to Clendenin, WV

At the end of October, Ian and Aaron traveled to Clendenin, WV with a team from Burt Avenue Wesleyan Church (our home church in Coshocton). Clendenin was hard-hit by flooding in June, but despite the relief efforts in their town many people are still displaced from their homes. One such woman, named Barbara, was unable to inhabit the lower floor of her home due to damage that had not yet been repaired.

Our team spent four days in Clendenin replacing drywall in Barbara's home. It was a great time with Ian and with the rest of the team from the church. Not only did Ian get to learn some new skills (by the end of our second day he was measuring, cutting and installing drywall by himself), but he had the opportunity to be immersed in an atmosphere of service and selflessness, with fellow brothers and sisters who love the Lord. As a father, I was proud to see him step outside his comfort zone to serve someone he had never met, and to open up and connect with the rest of the team.

A few photos from the trip are on the right.

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We celebrated Ella's eleventh birthday in November. This girl loves anything having to do with baking, decorating, and dessert!



Having demonstrated his ability to hang drywall in Clendenin, it only seemed natural that he should learn to use the lawn tractor and the leaf blower to help Grandpa with fall cleanup at the house in Perrysburg!



Here are some photos from our mission trip to Clendenin (clockwise from top left): Ian is learning how to cut openings for outlets and receptacles; the flood line is still visible on some buildings; Pastor Rod cutting drywall; Mike Garrett, fellow MMS-er, applying joint compound; Ian measuring and cutting drywall; Ian and Aaron in front of the Clendenin sign; some team members enjoying a mid-morning snack.

