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Earlier this year Steve Olson – Secretary PCI Minnesota Chapter, flew a mercy mission in his role as an ambassador for Christ and for the US Army and for PCI which involved picking up his Command Sergeant Major Scott Pavlock in Chicago for a flight to Columbus, OH to present to widow Lynn Shaffer and her family, her husband Colonel Anthony Shaffer's service retirement award, the Legion of Merit. The award had not been finalized prior to her husband's death. The local newspapers, friends, family and hospital staff were present for the heartwarming and blessed occasion. Mrs. Shaffer expressed her gratitude and thanks. The event offered her closure with her husband's death even though she knows he is with Jesus now.



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Donations Received

Bruce Angevine Loni & Tim Layne Tony Deuling

Many others have offered

Trade-a-Plane (They have run FREE ads for us throughout 2012 and into 2013, what a blessing they have been from God. We have had several calls asking about Pilots for Christ and our ministry as a result of these FREE ads. Please thank Trade-a-Plane for their donation



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FLORIDA CHAPTER OF PILOTS FOR CHRIST BY DR. BOB LEHTON

Congratulations to Richard Van Esselstyn and his wife on the birth of their new baby daughter Danielle Rose at 8 lbs. and 6.9 ounces. Richard is our new executive director that was hired in October 2012. He is doing a great job of flight instruction and is now appearing on a radio show to present SAMI and PFC on the air. Richard and Dwight Bell have joined forces to fly and instruct the adolescents of a new ministry called "Wings of Hope", with Copters for Christ, and Servant Air to provide two ground schools for the kids of Dwight's church. We have flown over twenty students as part of their ground school and their desire to be missionary pilots.

Dick Blondin who leads Servant Air in Young Eagle flights have recorded 148 flights with pilots of Servant this past year. A big thank you to Dick, Scott DeMasso, Dwight Bell, as pilots, and Dick and Judy Todd for all their and ground work. This year we flew 135 hrs. in our C-150, 103 hours in our C-172, and 5 hours in our Aztec. We have rebuilt the right engine on our PA-23 and also put in 4 new fuel tanks, and added a vortex generator. Our Aztec is now ready for long range mission trips. We have flown with all 3 aircraft 243 hrs. for 2012. Praise God we have a good safety and track record of flights. Happy New Year and we await what the Lord has for us this coming year of flying adventures for God's Air Force.



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Wow! The Lord sure has kept us busy. We have been blessed with so many things already this year. This year we were back at Sun n Fun in Florida and spent a week witnessing to everyone and meeting new friends along the way. We had a very successful week and the Holy Spirit was present and ever helpful in all we did to bring glory to God. We met folks from Madagascar and Guatemala, we met kind and caring people. We signed up some new members and we even had a fellow put our name up in lights from his plane as he flew the night show advertisement. It was a great week!

We also flew prayer flight and had the best turn out yet. It was great to fly and pray over our state capitol.

We also got our first break in years from coordinating flights. A big SHOUT OUT to TONY DEULING for taking on the duties and giving us some time to renew. He did a great job and learned so much about all the God has in store.

All in all it has been a very good year and we are so blessed. I pray you all feel the blessings that God has in store for you too. We have the opportunity, means and the way. Jesus is the way!!

In Christ love,

Lori



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PCI Outreach at Local Church

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Minnesota chapter members Merrill Jorgenson and Jeff Christina represented Pilots for Christ and staffed the PCI booth which was one of 12 other booths on display at Trinity Evangelical Free Church in Lakeville, MN on Sunday April 14th. This was in support of the church's Mission Outreach Sunday. Many new contacts were made during this event. Thanks Merrill and Jeff for your extra service to our Lord and to the PCI organization.

In all of the above... we give thanks to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for gifts of time, talent and treasure which allow us to serve and spread His good news.



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PCI Responds to Request to Assist In Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Event

Duluth Minnesota is home to one of the last surviving members of the famed "Red Tail" squadron, the all black 301st Fighter Squadron of the 332nd fighter group responsible for bomber escort of the 15th Air Force out of Italy during World War II. Major (Retired) Joseph Gomer was to be honored at his alma mater, Iowa Falls Community College with a statue unveiling on April 23rd but unfortunately was too ill to attend the event in person owing to a recent diagnoses of cancer with treatment underway in Duluth.

The Minnesota chapter of Pilots for Christ was contacted by Mamie Lanford Singleton - Executive Director of YIMA (Youth Initiative Mentoring Academics) with the request to transport Mamie and two members of the academy to the Iowa Falls event as representatives on behalf of Major Gomer. Major Gomer is an advocate for and board member of YIMA which offers programs designed to give at risk youth hope and focus in life.

Minnesota Chapter Secretary Steve Olson accepted the mission on short notice (only 24 hours) and when it became known to Mamie and Major Gomer that Steve is a serving US Army Colonel the request expanded to ask Steve to attend the event in uniform to represent the Army on Major Gomer's behalf.



In attendance were... and townspeople from... outdoor event. It is amazing how our Lord works behind the scenes in ways unseen to bring about His perfect will... in that in order to give honor to His servant Major Joseph Gomer, God provided that (1) Steve was able to fly the mission on such short notice, (2) Steve was able to transport three representatives on behalf of Major Gomer... Mamie Singleton, Elijah and Jordan twin 13 year olds from YIMA, (3) as a US Army Colonel Steve was able to respond to the request to honor Major Gomer by attending in full dress uniform and (4) Steve was personally asked by the event organizers to address the assembly and close the ceremony in prayer.