

Dye Update

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Dear friends and family,

This New Year has brought with it a whirlwind of challenges, thrown at us, from our parents, children, co-workers, dogs, and appliances. I sometimes wonder what would have happened if I had prayed for patience? LOL 😊 Through it all God has shown himself to us and His mercy and goodness is our help in a time of need. We have been calling out to Him in prayer and we have seen miraculous answers!

Maintenance training in the hangar continues forward with the R66 Helicopter and the Cessna 206. All the big pieces are assembled and now the work needed to prepare for paint is now in the process. On the trainer airplane we found some significant cracks on the firewall and on the engine mounts and so we keep on going deeper and deeper removing the engine's gear and we keep finding things that were buried under paint. I guess that is something that you can expect from a tired airplane that has flown 15,000 hours abroad and stateside.

During all this maintenance, the trainees are gaining experience and the knowledge they need to be effective pilots and mechanics on the foreign field. On the other hand, it keeps me very busy rotating between keeping five guys working on different tasks and projects.

My mother, Patricia, just spent 12 days with congestive heart failure in Banner University Medical Hospital in Tucson. We as a family took turns between my Dad, my sister, Lisa and her daughter, Kristine, Austin, and myself staying with her while she received essential care. We all were very relieved to have Dad and Mom return to their home in McNeal. She had fluid on her lungs, kidneys, and still has fluid on the posterior of her heart. She had excessive levels of carbon dioxide in her system causing her to be lethargic, delirious, and incoherent. Her heart is functioning at only 45% of its capacity. She must be on an Oxygen machine now. Life changes as we get older, and we become more dependent on others. I praise the Lord that my dad, Paul, is still capable of organizing mom's pills and medical appointments. Kim and I are very thankful to the Lord that we live nearby, and we do help more and more with meals, health care, and home care as their health conditions deteriorate.

Our daughter, Alicia, was termed from her job in Nashville but will continue working at the company until the end of May. We are proud of the way that she has handled the whole situation of being 'let go' and yet kept an excellent attitude despite the pressures of this transition. We are planning to go help her move back to Arizona, the week of March 18th. Pray that, if the Lord wills, that Alicia could find a good job opportunity nearby or at least in the same state.

Austin has been on a role to get all his pilot licensing. He achieved his Private Pilot License last October, his Instrument in January, his Commercial license February 4th, and now he is currently working to get his twin rating and the check ride is on the 15th of March. Kim and I were thrilled of his accomplishments and for all his study and dedication. Austin's lovely wife, Katelyn, continues to work long hard night-shift hours as a nurse in the Children's Hospital. After spending a few nights with my mom in the hospital, Austin and I have a lot more respect for what Katelyn does! 😊 Quite honestly, I really don't know how she does it, night after night.

My wife, Kim, is amazing. I am so grateful to have a wife who loves me as she does and is so faithful, too. As my mom Patricia said "Kim is the Proverbs 31 woman". That is for sure! I do praise her for all that she does and is! For the next few weeks, she is filling in as Hostess manager while her colleague went on a trip. She appreciates other women on the facility who have lent helping hands to make the hostess team function so smoothly.

Kim's precious parents, Gary and Karen Stevens, have their medical ailments, as well, Gary's weak heart and Karen's health issues. Please pray for wisdom as we as siblings plan and decide how to care for our aging parents.

Kim's and my ministry with ETHNOS360 AVIATION continues to succeed in the face of being split up at times for our aging parents. We are blessed to have each of you standing behind us, holding the ropes in prayer for us, giving encouraging words and financial blessings. We do not know what we would do without folks like yourselves and/or how we would accomplish what we do as unto the Lord without your part in our lives. We are truly grateful and ever appreciative to the Lord for his loving spiritual family.

We have this saying written on our whiteboard in the kitchen: "Love is the Motive; Obedience is the Action". It is always good to be reminded that God reached down to us. God bridged the gap of separation and relationship between us. God loved us first. God's Love motivates us into action. Sometimes when our action isn't motivated by His love and stems from pressures, outside people/coworker's influences, the hands on the clock, the hard circumstances we find ourselves in; we can find ourselves in a downward spiral and teetering on burnout, being ineffective and distraught. But the Lord reminds us to keep Him as foremost in our thoughts and minds and in our actions.

Gal. 6:9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

Phil. 3:14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Looking for His soon return,

Larry and Kim Dye