

Dontje Dispatch

A Newsletter from Bob and Sally Dontje

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Long Winter

To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen

Jude 24- 25

Long Journey/Many Roads to Mission Aviation

I wish I could tell all the stories of the recruits I have worked with through the years! Each recruit is laser focused, but like a laser in a lab is re-directed by mirrors, each journey is unique.

Some journeys start early in life and sometimes the turns and twists don't make any sense. Some journeys seem to start much later in life and there is such a sense of urgency to finish it, it is almost frenetic. I think any one of us can look back on a season of our life and see some of these same things.

What is so fantastic about each of these journeys, is how God leads each one to the correct destination. Like the story my friend Sam shares, life can seem like a violent storm until we find Jesus in the boat with us and begin to understand that the storm is calmed simply by His presence and His command.

Life Journey

By En-Yu (Sam) Wu

To be honest, I've been a little "salty" towards God (Yes, I am salty, not salty like how Jesus called us to be, but salty like complaining and being sassy). There is a airline pilot in my church whose dad has a small airplane, and he said he will teach me how to fly. Since my visit back to Taiwan last year in the summer, I've been waiting to start my training, but it's been almost a year, but nothing had really happened yet.

During my J-Term, "The Gospel of Mark," we came across the story of Jesus calming the sea. While I'm a church kid and know this story by heart, I had a totally different perspective that day in class. Our Chaplain said we can very well see ourselves as the disciples in the story. Not only are we afraid when we are on the boat, but we are also angry at Jesus. The disciples got on to the boat because that's what Jesus told them to do, now they've done it, and that got them into a huge storm. Just like the disciples, I was asking God "Did you not lead me down to this passion of aviation? Did you not give me all the clues and hints? Now I'm down this road and you tell me it will not work out?" I hit a storm, and I was angry at God.



During the storm and after the storm...

How much do you trust Jesus?





Praise & Prayer

Yet, this story tells us that no matter how big the storm is, God is always in control. Currently, I still *want* to be a pilot, but I'm past the point where I *must* be a pilot. One thing I learned and understand through this journey is "Don't get kidnapped by your passion." I can still want to be something, I can still want to be a pilot, or a pastor, or a dinosaur hunter (childhood dream) etc. However, I know that no matter what I do, my vocation is still serving God, I can be a Christian in many ways. If I can find something to do that is my passion and meets where the world needs, then that is the greatest thing I can do in this life..

Thank you!!

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Family

Our oldest granddaughter Hannah got married. The new couple lives north of Indianapolis (or about 6 hours too far away according to Grammie...Grandpa too.) Emma is just a few weeks from graduating from high school. Grant is looking forward to finishing his sophomore year and Liam is looking toward track this spring, baseball this summer and returning to play football again this fall. London and Ronin are already talking about going to school together as London finishes first grade and Ronin is enjoying his last year of preschool. Israel and Verity are exploring the wonderful world of home school. Verity is tagging along but is giving Israel a run for his money. Avishai is developing character and cuteness by the truck load.

My Dad has spent about half of this year in the hospital and in skilled nursing. He has been battling an intestinal problem but is now home and hoping to get on top of things in the near future.

And with all these busy things I am celebrating the wonders of life with Sally one day at a time as we walk in God's grace.

Even more grateful for Grace,

Bob & Sally



Avishai

Praise

Matt and Laura a beautiful new kitchen remodel

Steph a young man and a growing relationship

Josh a good and safe year climbing and cutting trees

Nathan and Michelle two growing boys and keeping up with them

Tim and Susanna launching into a whole new frontier...home school

A kind and awesome wife who just had cataract surgery with great results

Pray

1. For opportunities to encourage recruits
2. For us to get healthy after flu and sinus problems
3. Our faithful partnership team as they give and pray
4. My Dad as he struggles with diabetes and several trips to the hospital
5. A busy summer of recruiting

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