

The Youngs: Serving the Church in Africa through AIMAIR

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Our time in the Midwest came to an end in August and we headed south for technical orientation at the JAARS Center in Waxhaw, North Carolina. We took a pit stop in the Smokey Mountains to reconnect as a family since we had been going in 6 different directions for June and July. We were even able to go backpacking for 3 days.



A little hiking on the Appalachian Trail



We realized we had spent too much time in the minivan when Seth asked to put up a poster in his "room" ie: his seat in the van...

We then moved into our 3 bedroom apartment on the JAARS Center (giving Seth an actual wall to hang posters). Some of us have enjoyed apartment living more than others; Sela has made about 20 new friends...

We have been blessed by living here in other ways as well; there is a vibrant youth

group for junior and senior high and our boys have been enjoying the fellowship and teaching each week.



I began flying in September. In less than a week, I, along with the other orientees and training staff, will be headed to the mountains of North Carolina for 10 days of specialized flying into short, grass airstrips in the mountains. Please pray that we have a safe and productive time and that nothing breaks at home when I am gone! When I get back, we will be going into the maintenance portion of orientation.



The adventure of home schooling also began in September. We wouldn't say it's been easy but they are adjusting pretty well. Joel has started at the Sevenstar Online academy. It is an accredited school that will allow him to transfer his high school credits anywhere he wants.



We were also blessed by a member of our support team that lives a mile from our house. He has a doctorate in Geography and he came over and shared his experiences in Africa with the kids. It was fun to hear stories about what life is like in Africa before we get there!

Please continue to pray for our daily school schedule and the ability to complete our checklist items in a timely manner before departure.

Speaking of our support team, at the end of September we reached a minimum 100% financial support and have been cleared to leave for Kenya in January! One morning, Tija asked each of our kids how they knew that going to Africa was what God wanted us to do. Each one, in their own words, said it was because of the amount of people who are supporting us. I couldn't agree more! Tija and I are blown away by your willingness to be a part of what God is doing in Africa through our family.

Our departure date is set for January 14<sup>th</sup>. We will be having a commissioning service at Freshwater Community Church in St. Boni, MN on January 10<sup>th</sup>. We would love to see as many of our team as possible; God has used you to sustain us and spur us on to the good works set before us!

We praise God each day for Team Young and how you have been brought into our lives and this ministry. If you would like to know more about joining our team in any other capacity, you can go to [www.flyingforchrist.com](http://www.flyingforchrist.com) for more information.

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