

Being prepared by God

Chris was born into a Christian family and grew up in Allentown, PA. With an early interest in aviation, and a small push from God through a friend, he began thinking about a career as a missionary pilot. After two years at Moody Bible Institute, followed by another three years training at Moody Aviation in Tennessee, Chris joined Wycliffe Bible Translators in 2004, and headed to Papua New Guinea as a missionary pilot at the end of that year.

Deb spent all her elementary years living in Papua New Guinea as she watched her parents putting their faith into action through their service with Missionary Aviation Fellowship (MAF). Even as a child, Deb knew that whatever she did, she wanted to be working to help people come to know Jesus. To this end, she completed a teaching degree, worked in Christian Outdoor Education Outreach in Scotland for two years, and eventually attended Bible College in Sydney, Australia, before joining Wycliffe Bible Translators in 2006.

Chris and Deb met in Papua New Guinea in 2006, and were married, April 4th 2009, in Australia.

Getting involved in God's work in Papua New Guinea

Chris enjoys flying airplanes, but even more than that he enjoyed who he was privileged to fly. For almost 8 years flying in Papua New Guinea he flew missionaries working with Wycliffe Bible translators, who rely on aviation to take them into remote villages, where there are no other means of transportation.

Deb loved the opportunities she had to minister to the children and their parents through teaching PE, Science and Health classes, coaching sports, mentoring at youth camps, and discipleship with teenage girls.

Moving into a Training Role

In 2012, Chris and Deb were sent on loan to help train new Missionary Pilots through the Moody Bible Institute Aviation Program in Spokane, WA. They remain members of Wycliffe Bible Translators and are financially supported through their supporters.

In Chris' work as a flight instructor, he is involved in preparing and teaching ground school classes, flight instruction in various types of aircraft, debriefing students after flights and providing follow up, writing exams with grading and follow up of results, meeting with students in small group and chapel. Deb works in outreach to Moms at our church in Spokane and seeks opportunities to meet with student wives to encourage and help them as they prepare for the mission field.

Deb looks after our two daughters. In addition she serves through our local church in a lay counseling role through Stephen Ministry, as well as helping with various kids and women's ministries. She also seeks opportunities to meet with student wives to encourage and help them as they prepare for the mission field.

Partnering with EC

The partnership of the EC Church through Global Ministries Commission has played a vital role in enabling Chris (and now both Chris and Deb) to be involved in God2s work. You are a blessing and encouragement and a witness of God's presence among you shown in your love for the wider family of God all over the world.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13