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ANSWERING GOD'S CALL

FROM TRAINS TO PLANES

Picture this: you just moved into a new house. All the furniture is just what you like, and everything is perfect—the way you want it. Then God calls you to leave everything behind and go to work somewhere else for Him. Would you answer that call?

This is exactly what happened to Phil and Betty Newton, a young couple from South Carolina. Phil had a good-paying job with the railroad. His generous salary enabled him to build a beautiful home for his wife and to buy her nice things. But God had other plans in mind. He called the Newtons to the Bahama Islands as pioneering missionaries!

The Newtons moved to Florida to attend Hobe Sound Bible College. While there, a group of students took a trip to the Bahamas to hold services and pass out tracts. One day while everyone else was eating lunch, Phil went off in the brush



by himself and knelt down to pray. He heard the Lord say, “On this rock I will build my church.” God wanted him to build a church to spread the gospel on the island. This was the beginning of a mission work that continued to grow and spread across the world.

Phil Newton had worked many kinds of jobs, but he could fly planes as well. When the Newtons left Hobe Sound, they loaded their possessions on a tiny aircraft and flew down to the islands. This would prove to not only be a new adventure but also a culture shock to them. Phil and other pilots brought all kinds of things to the islands on the plane—everything from a bathtub to a refrigerator, piano, and even GOATS. Phil joked that when the goats saw the barren island, they turned right around and jumped back onto the plane!

God was faithful to the Newtons for their sacrifice. Because of their surrender to God’s will, God blessed their ministry, and many lives were eternally changed!



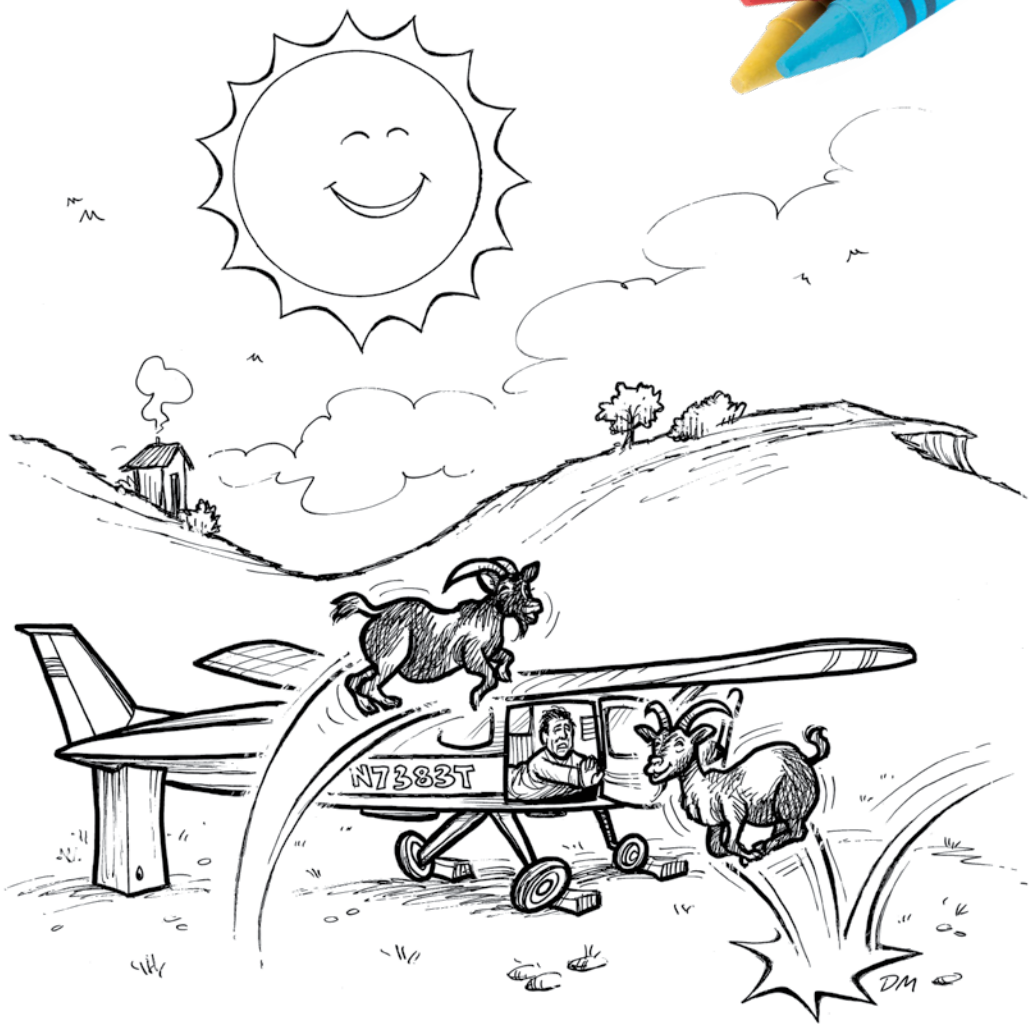
AIR DELIVERY

The plane Phil Newton flew was a Cessna 206. Pilots called it a Sky Wagon. The 206 could carry around 1,500 pounds. That is about how much a buffalo weighs!

The 206 would fly about 150 miles in an hour and use up fifteen gallons of fuel. It took less than an hour to fly from Florida to Grand Bahama.

Maybe someday God will ask you to be a missionary pilot!





MEMORY VERSE

Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying,
Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?
Then said I, Here am I; send me.
Isaiah 6:8 (KJV)

A painting of a woman sitting in a chair, looking distressed, with a bowl on the floor in front of her. The woman is wearing a blue headscarf and a red dress with yellow floral patterns. She is sitting in a wooden chair on a raised platform. The background shows a window with a lattice pattern and a wooden door. The overall style is a textured, painterly illustration.

TELL HER THE MISSIONARIES HAVE COME

For twenty long years she had begged God to send missionaries to her homeland, the Bahama Islands. Twenty years was so long—it was hard to understand why God wasn't answering! Why would He not send missionaries? It seemed God had forgotten about Drucilla Burrows' plea. But He was still working behind the scenes to bring Phil and Betty Newton to the Bahamas.

On the day the Newtons arrived, a lady named Prudence and her little girl met them for the first time. Prudence told the little girl to run to Drucilla's house. "Tell her the missionaries have come!" Sister Burrows' prayers had finally been answered. God does all things well. He had chosen missionaries who



would dedicate themselves to the work of the gospel and fall in love with the Bahamian people and culture. Drucilla Burrows was not only a key member of their mission work but also a firsthand witness to watching others in her community come to know Christ.

Two people saved under the Newton's work in the islands were Gretel Grant and Cecil Kemp. Gretel is now the wife of Sidney Grant, past president of Hope International Missions. Cecil Kemp is a pastor in the Bahamas. The list of people could go on of others who found the Lord because the Newtons answered God's call. Imagine if they had stayed in their new home in South Carolina and ignored God's will? Thankfully, their hearts were fully surrendered. Their answer was YES, and God used them to change lives for eternity. What will your answer be when God calls you?



Louie's treehouse Lair



LIVES YOU WILL CHANGE

It is never too early to start obeying God's will for your life. Pray everyday that God will help you to be a witness to the people you meet. Also pray for the people you will impact in the future. Get a piece of paper to make an airplane. Before folding the plane, draw stick figures representing people God wants you to reach. When you fly your plane, be reminded that God wants to do amazing things through your life as you obey His will!



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