





Aviation Department 2020 Outlook

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"The purpose of Free Burma Rangers Aviation is to **share the love of Jesus** in any way we can through the use of aircraft. FBR Aviation provides **medical and evangelistic relief** and inspiration to people in need. FBR aircraft are used medically to transport patients and medicine as well as medical personnel. They are used in evangelism and relief to transport people in support of the evangelistic and humanitarian missions of FBR. They are also used to conduct parachute operations of **relief supplies and relief workers in remote areas** of need. FBR Aviation is also for **the joy of flying** and the **inspiration** it gives people to know that God's gift of aviation is for the good of everyone, including the oppressed." **-David Eubank**,

founder and director of Free Burma Rangers

Thank you for your interest in this pioneer endeavor to connect remote areas of Thailand and Burma with necessary resources and reliable medical care through aviation. Based in Chiang Mai, Thailand, our ultimate goal is to provide all of Southeast Asia with reliable, efficient transportation for humanitarian relief during times of crisis, war, and natural disaster.

This guide will introduce you to our aviation program and our goals as we move into 2020 and a new decade.

Your prayers and partnership will increase our current aircraft's capability as well as create a solid foundation for FBR Aviation's future.

Thank You!



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FBR Aviation-History and Team

- **Summer 2014** Kittikoon's first year of flight training in Alaska with Kingdom Air Corps (KAC)
- September 2015 Kitt received his private pilot certificate
- **September 2016** KAC donated and shipped the Cessna 172 (pictured below) to Free Burma Rangers in Thailand
 - May 2017 First test flight of the plane in Thailand
 - January 2018 First mission flight, saving the life a newborn baby
 - August 2018 Kitt completed his instrument rating in Alaska
 - June 2019 Kitt completed his FAA commercial certificate Kawsay begins private pilot training with Kingdom Air Corps



FBR's aviation team (L to R):

Kawsay Free Burma Rangers' Patient Care Coordinator, student pilot

- Matt US Navy Pilot (Retired), Commercial Pilot
- Kittikoon Vice-president of Free the Oppressed, Commerial Pilot
- Titus Airline Transport Pilot, Flight Instructor, Airframe/Powerplant Mechanic
- **Zack** Aviation Department Director, Commercial Pilot, Flight Instructor, Airframe/Powerplant Mechanic

Our Current Aircraft



This Cessna 172G made its debut flight in Thailand in 2017 after being donated by Kingdom Air Corps in Alaska. It is serving as a quick transport for FBR staff and medical patients throughout Northern Thailand. Our Thai national pilots also use this plane for training and flight currency. We have been blessed to begin our flight program with a reliable aircraft.



Our centralized location in Southeast Asia is an incredible opportunity. While our 172 is very useful in Thailand, God has positioned us to make an impact on an entire region and a larger aircraft would make us fully capable of taking on this challenge. Please join us in prayer for another aircraft better suited for international flight. Eh Khu Taw was only 3 days old when he was flown from the Burma border on board FBR's Cessna 172 to a hospital in Thailand for an emergency, life-saving surgery. There is no hospital in his home area of Karen State, much less a surgical facility capable of helping a newborn. After a successful procedure in Chiang Mai, he is doing well and recently visited us during a follow-up appointment.

This flight captures our heart and hope for aviation in Thailand, Burma and the neighboring countries of Southeast Asia where Free Burma Rangers has worked for nearly 25 years.

FIRST MISSION FLIGHT, 16 JAN 2018





Our **first medivac passenger**, pictured here with his father who traveled two days to meet us at the border airfield.

Thank you for your support so that we can help more families like Eh Khu Taw's. **Heh Kuh** was from a border IDP (internally displaced person) camp and had no access to the medical care required for his unusual case of eye cancer. By the time he was transported to Chiang Mai, weeks of testing revealed it was too late for doctors to help him. So, he was sent back home to be with family.

FLIGHT FOR HEH KUH, 11 APR 2019



Heh Kuh and his father after being sent home from Chiang Mai



Kawsay with Heh Kuh during his hospital testing

On April 11, 2019, our team flew pain medication to his village to help ease his last days. Less than four hours of flying saved our staff over twelve hours on the road, precious time when delivering such important cargo.

Five days later on April 16, Heh Kuh passed away. He was only seven years old when he went to be with Jesus. We are thankful for the privilege to serve him and his family through such a difficult time. We are praying our flight department creates more opportunities to help children like Heh Kuh receive the care they need.

FBR Airborne Operations



Photos of Rangers in the air and on the ground during an FBR Jump Training session in 2012.



Free Burma Rangers founder David Eubank served as an officer in the United States Army Rangers and Special Forces. He was a jump master Military Free-fall Detachment commander. Years of firsthand military experience proved the value of airborne operations in remote locations.

With a vision for the future, FBR began parachute training in 2012, even before we had our own aircraft. Many of our rangers have logged multiple jumps.

It is our hope that one day we can provide assistance to those in need by air dropping relief personnel and supplies with our own aircraft. We want to be able to respond to crisis situations wherever and whenever they occur.

Growth Points

We were very blessed with our donated Cessna 172 in 2016. To make it more useful for medical transport, we are planning several modifications this year, such as folding seats, a specialized stretcher, and upgraded avionics.



An aircraft like this Quest Kodiak or Cessna Caravan would be the perfect platform for our goal of serving the remote people of Burma and surrounding regions. The increased range and flight capabilities would truly make this dream a reality.



The new home of FBR Aviation

This local airfield will be operational in February 2020 and will be our new hangar location.

 We have plans to construct a new hangar big enough for our current Cessna and another larger aircraft like those on the opposite page. Please pray with us as we move forward and expand as God allows.

Years of drug smuggling with airplanes in this region of the world has made it difficult for organizations like ours to freely operate aircraft, especially along international borders. We believe flights with our 172 are "proof-of-concept" to the aviation and medical authorities of Thailand. We are praying that our safety and integrity as an organization will open doors for us to fly along the border and eventually in and out of Burma. Please pray with us that our program has favor with the local government and is allowed to grow! The mission of Free Burma Rangers is to provide help, hope and love to people of all faiths and ethnicities in the conflict zones of Burma, to shine a light on the actions of oppressors, to stand with the oppressed and to support leaders and organizations committed to liberty, justice and service.

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