

*Missionary Housing and Transport Services
Ministry Teaching and Training Center
Matthew 28:19-20 Vision Planning
Mercy Transport of Organs, Patients, Families*

"And the multitude of the believers were of **ONE HEART** and one soul...."

Acts 4:32



Thank you for seeking to better understand *OHMS*.

One Heart Missions Services (OHMS), is an [IRS§501\(c\)\(3\) charitable corporation](#). It was conceptualized while I was recovering from my own liver transplant surgeries in July 1998.

Of the several charitable services *OHMS* endeavors to offer, **flying patients who need organ transplants** has become the most prominent, and it is that for which *OHMS* is best known by such organizations as the *Air Care Alliance* <AirCareAlliance.org>, the *Volunteer Pilots Association*, several of the *Angel Flight* services, and other *PBFOs* (Public Benefit Flying Organizations).

Flying patients, organs, kids, families, etc. for medical care or its follow-up, **for emergencies or disaster relief**, and for other timely charitable needs is a tremendous joy! It's a joy to me as a Pilot who knows from *very personal experience* the need for *urgent medical care*. And it's a joy to patients and their families to have as Pilot of their airplane a living example that they, too, can have hope!

For some reason, I have been blessed not only with a new liver, but also with the ability to fly airplanes. As *OHMS's* Pilot, I hold the **ATP** (Air Transport Pilot) rating, the same safety training and rating as airline pilots (but without their "big iron" signoff ...yet!).

OHMS has served a very wide geographic area for since 2002. Thanks to charitable donations, I have often piloted airplanes for patients within Pennsylvania, as well as from and to locations from New England to Florida, Ohio to New York. (So many good stories!) A "typical" flight costs from \$750 to \$5000, but each flight is unique. There really is no "average" cost due to the various distances flown.

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Because patients are not expected nor asked to pay for their flights, **financial donations** are needed in order to cover each flight's costs. **Donations toward these ongoing flights**, plus for acquiring our own suitable aircraft, are the two goals of this major project.

When *OHMS* acquires the fast, long-range, stretcher-capable, twin-engine aircraft we seek, costs will of course be higher, but **comfort for the patient** will *greatly* increase, as well as for family members who often need to accompany the patient. And, a patient's time in transit will greatly decrease. This is why *OHMS* seeks your help to acquire such urgently needed need-appropriate aircraft.

Some of *OHMS's* flights have included: a brain-tumor patient from Williamsport, Pennsylvania, to Duke University Hospital in North Carolina; a boy and, separately, a girl to Boston's Children's Hospital; several heart, lung, and liver transplant patients from PA, MD, NJ, & NY to Pittsburgh, PA; a pancreas transplant patient from Sayre, PA to Baltimore; a girl from Kentucky to "CHOP" (Children's Hospital Of Philadelphia); and over a hundred other such flights. ***OHMS* also flies the actual organs to be transplanted.**

In order to accomplish these twin related goals of *acquiring* the needed aircraft *and* the funds to keep flying, *OHMS* has set a project goal of \$5,000,000 (five million dollars). This is reachable.

OHMS is frequently asked to provide stretcher-capable and/or long-distance medical transport flights. We have found that there is **currently no Public Benefit Flying Organization (PBFO) that will do these flights** without some kind of strings attached. And this is *nationally!* **Typically, patients have no insurance** for flights that cross state borders, **yet they still need special medical transport.** *OHMS* intends to use the project aircraft to meet this **unmet need.**

Need far surpasses current resources. However, *OHMS* does what it can. As stated above, for some reason --for this reason-- I have been blessed with the ability to pilot airplanes. And I have been further blessed with the time availability, and obviously the **desire to help people in need.** Financially I have not been quite that blessed! That's where *you* come in! *OHMS* now asks you... --and please: also ask your friends, co-workers, church and civic organizations with which you are connected, and your family and their friends-- to all help fund this major project.

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The hardest thing to do is say "No" when someone without any insurance (and these are almost all the calls I get) must be treated in some distant hospital that specializes in that patient's specific condition.

These specialty hospitals are strewn all over the U.S.A.; there is no "clump" of specialist hospitals. And most of the time, these patients **need both a stretcher for transport as well as enough extra seating for the family to accompany them.**

Insurance, if it even exists, almost predictably limits a patient's travel to within the state where the patient is currently receiving treatment, so there is very often no possibility of a charter or air ambulance, **especially if the patient must be transported "right now"** (or else).

I, for one, am tired of saying "No"!

People should not be forced to remain between a rock and a hard place. My part is the ability to fly them. Your part is to help *OHMS* acquire the aircraft and keep it flying. **Only together can we help people who need us to help them.**

Since **no one else is providing this "right-now" kind of service**, people in our regional area and all over much of America need *OHMS* to acquire the kind of fast, stretcher-capable, long-range, twin-engine airplane suitable for the many and varied kinds of flights *OHMS* is continually requested to fly. And **we need to have such an aircraft** at our constant disposal (without our having to rent or borrow as in the past) in order to help patients in need of time-sensitive, medical, emergency, and charitable transportation.

Such a service is desperately needed, as attested to by the many requests *OHMS* has had to turn down because of our lack of such mission-appropriate aircraft. **Please help in a major way** toward meeting this goal this year. Thank you.

There are probably at least a dozen other things to say, many stories to tell, and I will gladly answer all questions. I am available for personally speaking to your church or company's philanthropy leaders and to other referrals you recommend. Please ask and please encourage others to ask questions and to give to *OHMS*.

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Your financial help is the only hope some people will ever have.

Donors can securely send money by credit or debit card (or by PayPal transfer) via PayPal using <Donate@OHMS.org> as the target recipient. My sincere thanks to every donor.

The more you hear, the more you will realize the need and its urgency. I exhort you to please help *OHMS* serve others through your own major donation and by asking others to also contribute toward this project and for those it will so greatly benefit.

Most sincerely yours,

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P.S.: I know there are a lot of worthy causes asking for your hard-earned cash contributions. And, yes, *OHMS* sends [tax-deduction](#) statements of thanks. But I now humbly ask you to take time to consider this:

OHMS seeks to provide at-need charitable air transport for patients that require use of a stretcher, and this kind of service is both urgently needed and currently not being provided by anyone.

This is why I ask you to **please give heartily to this one-time major project**. Though you may never meet them personally, it is only through you that someone will have a second chance at life.

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Links:

Article on the Air Care Alliance web site, scroll down to its Article #5:

<<http://www.AirCareAll.org/ff-030101.htm#5>>.

To **View this as a PDF**, click:

<http://www.OHMS.org/AirCareAlliance-Article5-BeenThereDoneThat.pdf>

Article from the Lancaster, PA, TV station (link may be outdated):

<<http://www.WGAL.com/health/2856823/detail.html>>.

To **View this as a PDF**, click:

<http://www.OHMS.org/WGAL-Article2004-LocalPilotsDonateTimeToPatientsInNeed.pdf>

U.S. Internal Revenue Service web lookup of legitimate Charities:

<<http://apps.irs.gov/app/eos/pub78Search.do?ein1=232977544&names=One+Heart+Missions+Services&city=Danville&state=PA&country=US&deductibility=all&dispatchMethod=searchCharities&submitName=Search>>.

The Air Care Alliance web listing for OHMS:

<<http://www.AirCareAll.org/listings.htm#ohms>> or

<<http://www.aircarealliance.org/directory-groups#ohms>>.

OHMS web site, currently under re-construction:

<<http://www.OHMS.org/>>.

I also have available a ½-hour video interview broadcast by the Lewisburg, PA, cable television station (local cable channel 8).

And do see our Airplane Acquisition Project brochure

(best printed duplexed front-back and in color):

<<http://www.OHMS.org/OHMS-AirplaneAcquisitionProjectBrochure.pdf>>.

Thanks again, and yes: Do ask questions!

-- Chris.