

*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* <[AirCareAll.org](#)>, *Volunteer Pilots Association* <[VolunteerPilots.org](#)>, some of the *Angel Flight* services, and other Public Benefit Flying Organizations (PBFs).

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 urgency of medical need. 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 wide geographic area for a decade. Thanks to charitable donations, I have often piloted airplanes for patients within Pennsylvania, as well as from and to locations ranging 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.

One Heart Missions Services – Phone: 570-275-1855 – eMail: Chris@OHMS.org
Postal Address: 218 Reinaker Road – Danville, PA 17821 – U.S.A.

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

Acts 4:32



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 airplane 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 this urgently needed twin-engine airplane.

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 \$3,000,000 (three 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.

One Heart Missions Services – Phone: 570-275-1855 – eMail: Chris@OHMS.org
Postal Address: 218 Reinaker Road – Danville, PA 17821 – U.S.A.

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

Acts 4:32



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. **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*.

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.

One Heart Missions Services – Phone: 570-275-1855 – eMail: Chris@OHMS.org
Postal Address: 218 Reinaker Road – Danville, PA 17821 – U.S.A.

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

Acts 4:32



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,

Chris Pfaff -- Ministries Director
One Heart Missions Services
218 Reinaker Road
Danville, PA 17821
570-275-1855 -- OHMS Office Phone
570-441-3438 -- My Cell Phone
Chris@OHMS.org -- My eMail

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.

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

Acts 4:32



Links:

Article on the Air Care Alliance web site, scroll down to its Article #5:
<<http://www.AirCareAll.org/ff-030101.htm>>. [View this as a PDF.]

Article from the Lancaster, PA, TV station (link may be outdated):
<<http://www.WGAL.com/health/2856823/detail.html>>. [View 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>>.

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.

Thanks again, and yes: Do ask questions!
-- Chris.