

IN THE JETSTREAM



In God's Network

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Are you aware that God has a network? You may ask, "What kind of a network are you talking about?" Well, God's network is multifaceted... He uses a variety of people and circumstances as part of the process of introducing and bringing people into a personal relationship with Himself. He works through personal conversations, simple caring gestures, and living testimonies of His love and truth. He will even allow us to face difficult people who want to draw us into confrontational situations, in order to show them His patience and kindness through our right responses. Sadly, we often tend to look at such encounters as annoying, coincidental happenings and not something that could really be important to what God is doing. However, the opposite is true, because such seemingly trivial encounters are God's way of accomplishing great things.

A few years ago, an airline pilot called the FCAP International Office to share with us how he had seen God work through a network of people around him at his workplace. He told me that often when he worked the flight deck with Christians, he would look for any opportunity to openly question and even ridicule their faith. He went on to tell me that he knew many of these Christian pilots were connected to FCAP. So, whenever he saw FCAP publications in different airport crew lounges, he would put them in the trash. However, in most cases he experienced that the Christian pilots with whom he flew treated him with respect and showed him grace in spite of the antagonism he showed them at times.

Suddenly Larry's personal life went downward and into a tailspin; so much so that life became hopeless. During this dark and difficult time, he often remembered the Christian pilots with whom he had flown and how they had shown him kindness. God used this to humble Larry and point him to Himself, and out of desperation Larry cried out for God's

help. Within a few months Larry entered into a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus. Shortly after this, he wanted to find the Christian organization to which the pilots were connected, but he could no longer remember its name. A few months later he was in an airport crew lounge and once again saw one of the FCAP publications. That is when Larry called to tell us his story. He said his reason for calling was to express his deep gratitude for the impact the people in our ministry had on his life. He paused and then said, "I wanted to contact you but didn't know how - and now that I found you, I feel like I have come home."

I've often wondered how many of the Christian pilots who had flown with Larry over the years had considered their encounters with him as one of God's significant opportunities. If asked after one of these flights, some may have said, "I had a great opportunity to show God's love to a pilot who was antagonistic toward my faith." Others might have responded, "I had a difficult trip and tried to be kind to a pilot who didn't like Christians." No matter what they thought about the trip, God used each one who offered a Godly response to Larry as part of the process in bringing him into a personal relationship with Himself. And, according to Christ, all of them will rejoice together over Larry's salvation. Do you see yourself as part of God's network?

...So that he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. For in this case the saying is true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored and you have entered into their labor. (John 4:36-38)

Networking together,
FCAP Staff

Fellowship of Christian Airline Personnel

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THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN AIRLINE PERSONNEL

History:

The ministry of FCAP began in 1971 and was incorporated in 1973 when 50 people from eight different airlines in the United States and Canada met to consider how God wanted them to serve Christ in and through the airline industry. Since that time, the ministry of FCAP has spread in over 90 areas of the world. We do not have a membership or dues; rather we are a fellowship among Christians in the airline industry worldwide that share a common commitment and focus.



Perspective & Focus:

Most people look at work primarily as a source of income. Some even view it as a curse imposed on them as punishment from God. *The Fellowship of Christian Airline Personnel* believes that God places a high value on work and is deeply interested in our work, our performance on the job and our relationships with our co-workers. We recognize that both our work and the way we relate to people in the workplace are of great importance to God. So it is our mission: *“To represent Christ in the airlines through meaningful relationships and quality work.”*

FCAP’s two-fold purpose encourages people *to know and experience God’s presence with them at work* and *to trust Him for the enabling strength in the responsibilities and challenges of work*. We see authentic ministry in the workplace as a result of our displaying this relationship to our Lord within the sphere of our influence at work, without being coercive or self-serving.

Values:

- We value doing our work wholeheartedly as unto the Lord, knowing we represent Christ by the quality of our performance while on the job (Ephesians 6:6).
- We value intentionally engaging our faith in the workplace by expressing it in both deeds and words (1 Timothy 6:17-19).
- We value influencing the people around us by creatively building relationship with them and looking out for their interest just as we do our own.
- We value connecting the church in the workplace by seeking out other Christians, to mutually show our love for one another and our care for the people God has placed around us (John 13:35).

Making Your Connection:

Like the airline industry is all about making connections, so FCAP is all about Christians making their connection in the workplace in three basic ways:

- Connecting God’s purposes in the details of your work.
- Connecting ministry to God working through you to influence the people and circumstances of work.
- Connecting the church in the workplace in unique and creative ways, in order to extend and strengthen its influence.

- WE OFFER:**
- Training that helps Christians integrate the Christian faith into the everyday details of our work and its challenges.
 - Free publications and weekly thoughts that offer encouragement, gives focus, and provides information.
 - Support and fellowship through local groups, prayer network, training sessions, special events and conferences.



The Fellowship of Christian Airline Personnel

The ministry of FCAP is carried on by everyday ordinary people throughout the airline workplaces of the world who go to work with an extraordinary calling. The FCAP ministry does not focus on specialized people, nor are we a special interest group focusing on certain issues. We do not have a membership nor are we a club with dues. Rather, FCAP is a fellowship of Christians who identify with one another through a common focus and purpose. And we desire to demonstrate how our faith in Jesus Christ can influence the people and circumstances of our workplace. We are blessed to have both airline and non-airline people who encourage and support this ministry.

OVER TWO MILLION AIRLINE EMPLOYEES IN THE WORLD

Your Next Step:

Check on the FCAP website to see if there is a group in your area, or seek out and connect with other Christians at your workplace. Contact us at the international office for further assistance or click on [“Connect With Us”](#) on the website.



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