

2016 Hall of Fame Honoree



Dr. Dwayne King Class of 1960

An inspiration for serving others has driven Dr. Dwayne King to unprecedented heights, first as a bush pilot in Alaska, and then as a pioneering missionary in Russia. He has founded his own non-profit organization, Kingdom Air Corps, to train others to continue his mission work, while still advocating to open general and missionary aviation in Russia. He has spent his life in remote frontiers, like Alaska and the far eastern region of Russia, where there are no roads, bringing in food, supplies and encouragement.

After graduation, Dr. King attended Practical Bible Training School, now Davis College, in Johnson City. He went on to Missionary Aviation Studies at LeTourneau University in Texas. From there, Dr. King earned a B.A. from Alaska Bible College and his Master's degree in Intercultural Studies from Columbia Biblical Seminary. He was honored with an honorary Doctorate of Divinity from Davis College in 2011. In addition to his academic degrees, Dr. King has a multitude of pilot ratings, including licenses to fly private and commercial aircraft. He is trained as an instructor, air frame/power plant mechanic and as an authorized inspector.

Dwayne and Carolyn, his wife of 35 years, moved to Alaska in 1970, serving the remote villages of Alaska. Throughout his career he has served as a church planter, Director of Development for Alaska Bible College, as a medivac pilot for Crossroads Medical Center and as Director for Eurasia Advancement for SEND International. In 1991, Dwayne made the first of dozens of flights to the far east region of Russia. The Kings lived in Russia for several years, returning to Alaska in 1999, where Dwayne founded Kingdom Air Corps, continuing his legacy of service for generations to come.