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**Gospel Ministries International, Inc.**

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# **DONATING AN AIRCRAFT to Gospel Ministries International, Inc.**

## **WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE INTERESTED!**

Thank you for considering donating your aircraft to Gospel Ministries International, Inc. (GMI). Your gift can quickly and efficiently bring help and hope to many people around the world.

This brief guide is designed to provide you with some general donation information. What is presented here is for educational purposes only, and is not a substitute for individual, specific tax advice.

Another helpful resource is IRS Publication 4303: A Donor's Guide to Vehicle Donations. This can be found at <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p4303.pdf>.

## **How Gospel Ministries International, Inc. uses donated aircraft:**

Aircraft donated to Gospel Ministries International, Inc. will be used by Adventist Medical Aviation (AMA), the flight branch of GMI, in one of several ways. Donated aircraft may be used for AMA purposes, mission flight training, or may be sold, with the proceeds used to meet ministry needs.

### **AMA Purpose / Mission Statement**

Adventist Medical Aviation exists to be the hands of Jesus, bringing His love to the world through medical missionary aviation. AMA offers free services which include, but are not limited to medical evacuations, mercy flights, medical and dental team transport, and malaria eradication support. AMA aircraft additionally support education, church planting, and Bible work as a means to bring people into a personal relationship with Jesus and prepare them for His soon coming.

### **AMA Vision**

To operate a safe, efficient, and cost-effective missionary aviation program with well trained, highly skilled aviation personnel, resulting in the active spiritual growth of our volunteers and those whom they serve.

## **Tax-exempt Status**

For you to receive a tax deduction for a donated aircraft, the charity you choose must be organized and operated exclusively for one or more exempt purposes described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. In other words, your chosen charity must generally be recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Gospel Ministries International, Inc. is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) charity to which deductible contributions may be made. See IRS Publication 78 *Cumulative List of Organizations*, which can be found at [www.irs.gov/eo](http://www.irs.gov/eo) (under “Search for Charities”), for status verification.

## **Contributing Your Aircraft**

Donors contribute vehicles, such as aircraft, in order to support charity and often benefit from the federal income tax deduction. The process of donating vehicles is a little more complex than giving contributions of cash, but the following steps can help simplify the process.

**First and foremost, you should ALWAYS consult your personal tax adviser!**

Gospel Ministries International, Inc. does not offer tax advice or counsel. It is always best to speak with your accountant, attorney, or tax adviser to discuss your personal situation and determine how best to make a significant contribution such as an aircraft. In general, however, this is an overview of the steps that will apply to the contribution of your aircraft:

1. IRS regulations require that in order to deduct a charitable contribution for a donated vehicle or aircraft in excess of \$250 you must receive from the donee organization a letter or receipt acknowledging your donation. GMI will provide you with a letter of acknowledgment which meets the IRS requirements. GMI may include in the letter information regarding its intended use of the aircraft.
2. When you donate an aircraft valued over \$500, GMI will provide you with a contemporaneously written letter of acknowledgment and a copy of **IRS Form 1098-C**. The amount of your charitable deduction may depend on what GMI does with the aircraft. You will need to complete portions of Form 8283 as well.

**IRS Form 1098-C:** <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f1098c.pdf>

3. If the value of your aircraft is over \$5,000, in addition to the items listed in items 1 and 2 above, you will need to get a written appraisal to substantiate the amount your deduction. In addition, you as the donor, the appraiser (if applicable), and GMI must each complete a part of IRS Form 8283.

## **Tax Deduction Amount**

Generally, if you are claiming that the value of your donated aircraft is more than \$500, the amount of your tax deduction will depend upon what we do with the aircraft.

If we sell the aircraft (in an arm's length transaction to an unrelated party) without any significant intervening use or without making material improvements to the aircraft, your deduction will be limited to the gross proceeds we receive from the sale of the aircraft.

If we use the aircraft in our charitable programs for a significant period of time or make material improvements to the aircraft before selling it, your deduction is based on the fair market value of the aircraft at the time of the donation.

**If your aircraft has been used for business purposes please consult your business tax advisor regarding the deductible amount.**

## **IRS Form 8283**

In addition to the written acknowledgment requirement, a donor must file Form 8283, ***Noncash Charitable Contributions***, to report information about noncash charitable contributions if deductions for all noncash gifts during the year exceed \$500. If any single item or group of items donated exceed \$5,000 in value, the donor must complete Section B of Form 8283, get a written appraisal of the donated property (unless the deduction is limited to the gross proceeds from the sale of the property by the charity), and have the appraiser (if applicable) and an authorized official of the charity complete and sign a portion of the form.

**IRS Form 8283:** <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-prior/f8283--2012.pdf>

## **If YOU Sell the Aircraft**

If YOU sell the aircraft and simply contribute the proceeds as a cash gift, then your contribution will be treated the same as any cash contribution. You will receive a written receipt substantiating the amount contributed.

NOTE: There may be significant tax implications associated with whether you choose to donate your aircraft or instead choose to sell your aircraft prior to making a donation.

*PLEASE* consult your personal tax advisor before making that decision.

## THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING DONATING YOUR AIRCRAFT!

If you decide to contribute your aircraft, you can be sure that you will be investing in the lives of thousands of people by bringing help and hope to suffering ones in places where only aircraft can go.

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**IRS tax forms and publications (available at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)) related to donations include:**

**Form 1098-C**, Contributions of Motor Vehicles, Boats, and Airplanes

**Form 8283**, Noncash Charitable Contributions

**Publication 526**, Charitable Contributions

**Publication 561**, Determining the Value of Donated Property

**Publication 1771**, Charitable Contributions – Substantiation and Disclosure Requirements

**Publication 4303**, A Donor's Guide to Vehicle Donations

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