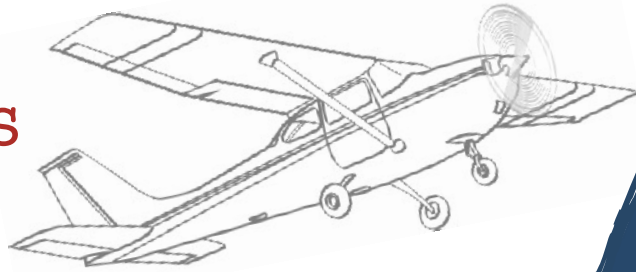


# David & Hastings



## Ministry Update

As David waits outside the airplane, scissors in hand, the excitement is palpable. His student is about to emerge from their first solo flight, a milestone moment in any pilot's journey. With a mix of pride and tradition, David prepares to ceremoniously cut off the back of their shirt, marking the transition from student to solo aviator.

Hastings:

Let's get real! Being honest has always been a struggle for me when the answer to the question, "How are you?" is something other than, "Great!" So, in the spirit of honesty and vulnerability: I've been riding the struggle bus. My health has continued to make everyday life difficult. As many of you know, I have struggled with chronic pain since I was a child. I made peace with it when I was a teenager and have powered through ever since. However, things have been getting worse,

and I am so very tired and soul-weary.

With that being said, I started seeing a new doctor. His initial screening of me, left me shocked! He believes my migraines, fatigue, and body pain are a result of issues with my spine. I have at least eight vertebrae that are out of alignment, a pinched nerve, and a curvature in my spine. I am excited to (maybe) have an answer as to why I've always struggled with migraines for years, but I'm also frustrated that it has taken this long for someone to figure it out. We will know more next week, when I have a follow-up appointment to talk about treatment options.

The reality of life is that we are all fighting battles. In this age of social media, it is all too easy for us to craft the "perfect" image we wish for others to see. So, I am sharing some of my struggles to perhaps help you, who read this, know you're not alone if you, like me, are passengers on the struggle bus.



### ABOUT US:

We live in Spokane, WA, where David is serving as a flight instructor at Moody Aviation and Hastings is working towards her bachelor's degree and maintenance certification.

Our desire is to share the love of Christ by bringing help, hope, and healing to those in need through aviation.

Our trajectory will lead us overseas with Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) in 2027. David working as a pilot, and Hastings as an aviation mechanic.

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**The tradition of cutting off a pilot's shirrtail after their first solo flight is rooted in aviation history. Instructors used to sit behind their students and would pull on the student's shirrtail to get their attention and give directions. After successfully completing their first solo flight, a student no longer needs their instructor's guidance, hence the shirrtail is cut off by the proud instructor.**



### What you can pray for

- Joy and Peace in All Circumstances
- Thanks and Praise for God's Continuous Faithfulness and Support
- Wisdom and Peace in Dealing with Chronic Pain, ADHD, and Health Challenges
- Continued Trust in Our Lord, Especially in Challenging Circumstances

Many thanks to everyone who supports us!

My daily prayer is that as I struggle, I would struggle well, knowing that I am so very loved by God, and that my pain does not equate to God's absence. I am assured now more than ever that God is good and faithful.

In other news: we've added a new addition to the family! Azariah the super-mutt! He has helped me more than any medicine - especially on the really rough days. His calm, sweet presence is balm to my soul, and has helped me tremendously with my battle against discouragement. He is definitely a furry gift from God.

David:

It is mind-boggling when we look back at all that has happened in just six years! To use an overused cliché: *it feels like just yesterday* that we were students with the whole program looming ahead of us! And now, David has officially started working at Moody Aviation as a flight instructor.

He is so excited to be teaching future missionary pilots. This past week, his first two students had their first solo flights! David waited on the ground in nail-biting anticipation as he sent them off in the airplane all by themselves. It was extremely rewarding for him to see his students succeed in reaching this milestone. He is excited about accompanying them and others on their aviation journeys! Looking back, it is incredible to see what God has done and provided for us in this time. We are eager to see what God will do in and through us during this season of our lives.

So, as we welcome in the much-anticipated changing of seasons, I pray that in the same way spring brings new life and growth, that this new season fills you (and us) with a renewed sense of peace and hope. We love and appreciate all of you so very much! Thank you for your love, support, and prayers. We can do nothing on our own.



Hastings & Azariah



David & One of His Students



David & Cirilla