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NEWSLETTER



Introductions

This first newsletter is intended to describe the official start of our journey with Moody Aviation. Beginning this month, I am officially sent by Proclaim Aviation Ministries to serve on staff at Moody Aviation in Spokane, Washington, for God's work of training up Missionary Aviators. I've had the pleasure of meeting several individuals in my first few weeks whose hearts are committed to serving the Lord in the world's most inaccessible regions for the next 20+ years and the foreseeable future thereafter. Many come with backgrounds in flying ranging from those already with Personal Pilot's Licenses, some from different branches of the armed services, some who grew up on the mission field, and still many others who are fresh out of high school with no aviation experience but a simple desire to serve in God's commission to the unreached.

The spiritual and professional caliber set by these students is unmatched. In my first interactions with them, they were humble with their abilities and eager to sacrifice their will to the Lord's work. Students expressed sincere joy in our first connections that pervaded the countless hours of study, homework, and testing that would make any reasonable person weary. On the professional side, student pilots are becoming simultaneously experienced in maintaining their aircraft while receiving both Pilot and A&P (Airframe and Powerplant) licensure to certify their extensive qualifications. Students choosing the maintenance professional focus become particularly skilled in diagnostics and solutions for all systems on the aircraft. They are invaluable in maintaining our fleet now, and will be life-savers for pilots on the mission field....

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Introductions Cont.

As we step into this community, Faith and I will have a wonderful chance to walk alongside these students for several years and share some of their stories with you. As they tell us about their past, plans for the future, and challenges in their faith, we have the essential role with so many instructors and mentors to encourage their faithfulness and strengthen their view of God in their lives.

At Moody, there are often events open to individuals and families outside the organization. In the upper left photo, you will see a large group of prospective aviation students learning from Moody Aviation's upperclassmen about the overall experience of the program. I had the chance to help with the staff in setting up this event. Families were taken around to see our facility to experience firsthand what the course would entail. They saw our aircraft, maintenance operations, and student life, while hearing about the critical need for missionary Aviators directly from the Jungle Aviation and Relay Service (JAARS) president.


Lastly, after many one-on-one discussions with the Program Director, Maintenance Operations Director, and several Flight Supervisors, the general consensus is that the staff are necessarily overtasked to keep up with the demand for flights. Currently, our most qualified maintainer is taken from being hands-on the aircraft to handling mostly administrative work. Flight Supervisors must sacrifice much time with students to create the current maintenance schedules. Though they are doing a great job at juggling their many responsibilities, I will begin to relieve these burdens by focusing intently on maintenance scheduling and real-time communication between the maintenance and flight departments. This will allow for many supervisors to focus their time on training students, for an expert technician and leader to return to the maintenance floor, and for our flying and maintenance departments to work with strengthened unity through a new stream of communication.

Thank you!
In Christ,




pray.

Faith and I would continue to build strong relationships with staff and students • My adjustment from active duty Air Force to controlling maintenance operations at Moody would be quick, and that this work would bring relief to the staff • 5th year students on deciding their plans post-graduation: what organizations they will join and understanding what ministry God is preparing them for



Experience
Moody Aviation
Day
in the AT Hangar
for aspiring
Missionary Aviators



Collin, a Moody
Aviation Graduate
after a successful
run to warm up a
newly installed
engine



Faith and Caleb in front of a high
performance Cessna 185F and two
multipurpose Cessna 172Rs