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A Brief History



For nearly 60 years, Moody Aviation has been the forerunner of mission aviation training, consistently producing more “missionaries who fly” than any other school. Here’s a look into the rich history of Moody Aviation where your local hometown missionaries are serving.



Our school was opened in 1946 as a part of MOODY BIBLE INSTITUTE. As many of you may know, the main Moody campus is located mere blocks west of downtown Chicago. The first two aviation campuses were actually at airports in the Chicago area. In the mid 1960’s it was clear the bustling metropolis of Chicago was an awesome place for a Bible school but not the best place to fly small airplanes.



The search began for a place where aviation students could get the extensive training they needed in an environment that would resemble the terrain they would be flying in overseas. With those needs in mind Moody moved to the hills of Tennessee. As an added bonus for the students who moved to the South, the good folks of Elizabethton threw in a cross-cultural experience for free. The Lord richly blessed the program while in TN. It was during those years that we received the nickname, “The West Point of mission aviation,” and we were known for supplying over half of the active missionary pilots on the field.

A lot of us thought the program would be in Tennessee forever. I have learned that God does not think like a lot of us. In 2005, so His name could be glorified by the way He works and provides, He moved the program to Spokane.

Throughout all these changes Moody Aviation has been steadfast in its goal to reach those who have never heard the name of Jesus. It is our purpose to train those who are willing to join in this task.

“Preach the gospel at all times and when necessary use words,” - St. Francis of Assisi.

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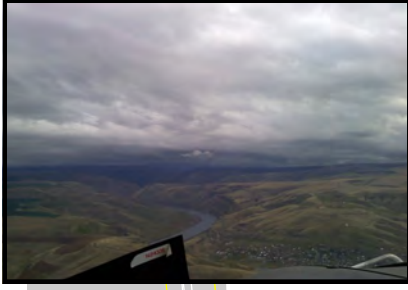
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About to climb up into these clouds over Idaho

A NEW CHALLENGE: Flying through the Clouds

I have the privilege of teaching the senior class this semester. So far we have spent over 200 hours teaching them first to fly, then to fly in different airplanes, then to fly in different types of terrain. Through all this the most important thing was to look outside. Now we are taking the outside away.

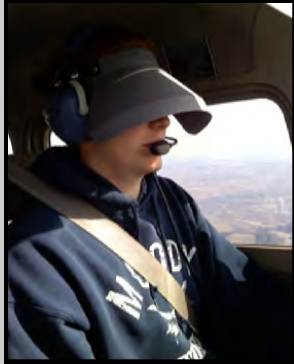
Imagine flying along and that big beautiful world you have been watching outside your windscreen turns into sheer white. Now you cannot tell up from down. For someone who is not prepared it is a very unnerving feeling, and a pilot can quickly become disoriented. Quite a number of general aviation accidents have been caused by pilots who get themselves into the clouds and are not trained to fly solely by reference to their instruments.

So we are taking them into the clouds. We are doing this to increase their skill, it is required by the FAA for the commercial pilot rating, and most importantly it will make them safer pilots.



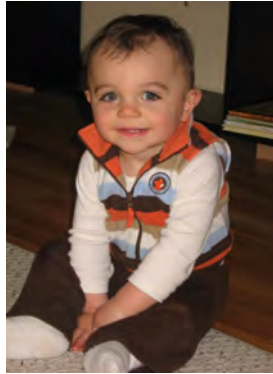
When there is no outside this is what you get

One of my students wearing a "Hood." This simulates flying with no outside reference



Sophia & Simon's Corner

Our baby boy grew up! Simon celebrated his first birthday in March. He brings so much joy to this house. He's such a smiley, happy little guy. He's trying out his new walking skills and terrorizing the house with his curiosity. "Baby-proofing" has taken on a whole new meaning for all of us. Our conversations are usually interrupted by Sophia yelling "Simon Anfernee!!!"



Sophia makes us laugh every day. She has so much energy that we wish we could tap into. Preschool is her absolute favorite thing and she's super excited to head off to kindergarten in the fall. She's started reading and she divides her time between the chair with a book and jumping

all over the house. Simon loves to watch her bounce off the walls and you can tell he just can't wait to join her. Life would be so dull without them. We praise God for our kiddos!

PRAISES

- * Thank you! To all of you for your prayers and support
- * For committed, hard-working students
- * For a healthy, happy family

PRAYER REQUESTS

- * For our Seniors to finish strong
- * For the Lord to increase our faith and dependence on HIM.
- * For guidance in decisions for the future

To paraphrase Paul from 1 Corinthians 16:23-24
"The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. Our love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen"