

# FLEISCHERS' FLIGHT PATH

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**Our first house! We enjoy hosting events for Moody staff & students. What a blessing!**



**Toni & Ryan with the angry cat and confused puppy**

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## SPOKANE

It would be an understatement to say that this is long overdue. For that, I apologize. Much has happened since our last update. At the time of our previous letter, our commitment to Moody was drawing to a close and we were presented with the opportunity to extend our stay. After much prayer and careful consideration, we committed to service at Moody until June, 2014. We will still be „on loan“ staff and continue to raise support through Proclaim. Thank you again to all of you who have supported us through your prayers and finances and made it possible for us to be here.

I expressed in our last newsletter that if we elected to stay, the length of time was up to us. We choose 2014 because it will allow us to settle in a bit but still have the ability to go overseas at a reasonably young age. Knowing that we are going to be here a while, we decided to get a house. Several things came together to make it possible and it has been such a blessing. Although it's not a big house, it has been so nice having a bit of extra space. One of our favorite aspects of working with students is the relationships that we have made, and we have enjoyed being able to open our house up to them. Also, missionaries often come to town for events at Moody and need a place to stay. It has been great having the ability to comfortably house them, something that we didn't have the room for in our apartment. Thank you so much for those of you who helped to make this possible!

About a year and a half ago we decided that we were ready to start a family. Although we feel ready, right now is not God's timing. Pray that we would continue to trust Him, knowing that He has a plan for us that may or may not include children. Meanwhile, in part to help satisfy that desire to nurture, we did make a "small" addition to the family - Atlas, our Great Dane puppy. We got him at two months old and 25 pounds. He's now nine months and 100 pounds. If he's going to be anything like his dad, he's still got another eight inches and 95 pounds of growing to do!

## A ROAD BLOCK REMOVED

From the time a person decides they want to be a missionary pilot, it takes an average of about ten years before they can get overseas. Flight, maintenance, and Bible training takes about five years. A person then must spend additional time meeting the experience requirements for flight and maintenance, which is usually at least another couple of years. They then have to pass both a technical as well as a non-technical evaluation, usually before they can even join a mission. At that point, they must raise their support, get additional training and standardization from their mission, go to language school, and in some cases, get another year or two of in house Bible and cross cultural training.

Recently, Missionary Aviation Fellowship (MAF), one of the largest missionary flight organizations, announced that graduates of the Moody program can join them with far fewer flight hours than are required of all other applicants! We work very closely with MAF to make sure that we are delivering exactly what they are looking for. They have had the chance to evaluate enough of our students to feel many will be ready for MAF technical evaluation right after leaving Moody!

This early technical evaluation was available to graduates of Moody Aviation back when the program was in TN. Ever since our move to Spokane, we have been hoping they would grant our graduates this privilege, and now they have! This was a very significant statement to us at Moody as to how they feel about the quality of our training. It is also great news for our graduates who plan on serving with MAF and no longer need to spend years after graduation gaining additional experience. On the road to becoming a missionary pilot, it is during the „additional experience gaining“ phase that people often lose sight of their goal of serving overseas. This was a very significant road block removed!



Ryan with his current instrument students

### Praise & Prayers:

- Praise the Lord for providing a house that we can share with others.
- Praise the Lord that we will be able to continue to serve in Spokane.
- Pray that we would remain confident in God's timing, especially as it relates to starting a family of our own.

