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-Training the Next Generation of Missionary Aviators-

May marked the **graduation of the next missionary aviators** from Moody. *Ten gentlemen can now turn the page to the next chapter in following Christ to the mission field.* Several are currently applying to a mission organization.

The Fourth and Fifth Year students began their new school year two days after our arrival back to Spokane.

July 10 marked the **Fourth Year Students' start to their Private Pilot flight training**, while the **Fifth Year and Maintenance Specialist students began a two-week maintenance seminar** covering aircraft engines, (including ignition systems, carburetor and fuel injection systems, turbo charger systems, etc.).

During the seminar I taught two morning classes reviewing basic aircraft ignition systems and different routine inspections. During the afternoon I assisted the students with projects. One project focused on placing ignition and fuel system problems on the engine run-up stands. This was a two student project where one student took the role of a pilot who needed work performed on his aircraft, the other student took the role of the mechanic who needed to accomplish the repairs. They were graded on pilot/mechanic communication concerning the problem, troubleshooting, repair and completion of post repair paperwork.

From July 24 through August 4 Dan, Brian, Robby and myself finished preparing for the beginning of the student **flight training/maintenance training rotation** and working on the **Cuthbert Hangar**. This is the third hangar that Moody now occupies at Felts Field Airport.



Here the Fourth Year, Fifth year and Maintenance Specialist students **finally have a hangar** that is being organized for their specific training. Now their training

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area will not be shared by the Second and Third year students who are working toward their two maintenance license and the service work being completed on the aircraft used for flight training. **Mark, Dan, Robby and myself now have an area in which our responsibilities are not split between two different hangars.** Some work will need to be accomplished at Cuthbert after classes begin which will probably not be completed until Christmas break. On August 7 the students began their flight/maintenance rotations. Here the students used the metal lathes and tig welders to make various maintenance tools.



Our family began planning for our **2,500 mile drive to PA** in March. The Lord answered one of our prayers by providing a one-ton pickup truck that was more than adequate for towing an enclosed trailer back to Spokane.



The two main items that we focused on while in PA included Denise staying with her parents to help with her father's onset of Alzheimer's and the associated issues that her mother is facing, and I stayed primarily at my mother's house focusing on items that needed attention since before my father's death two years ago. This included transporting a car that could not be brought to Spokane with us in 2003, doing work to the building that housed the car (thank you Seth for helping with the repairs), and removing items from another building that I later tore down.

We also visited the three churches that are part of our family here at Moody; and visited friends and family, encouraging them and being accountable concerning the ministry at Moody.

Prayer and Praise

1. Once again please pray concerning our schedule and time management. Proper amount of time divided between family, Moody, non-Moody ministry, time off, etc.
2. Our parent's health.
3. Ministering to the Moody students outside of the school: Invitations to our house for meals, activities, etc.
4. Developing Christ centered relationships with more of our neighbors.
5. Praise the Lord for a productive safe trip to PA.

Seeking and serving Wayne & Denise Miller

