

Big Announcement

Concerning Moody Bible Institute Spokane

We have received questions concerning Moody's closing of the Bible Institute in Spokane. We hope the following will shed light on how this affects our family and the students.

the news

An unscheduled staff meeting was conducted at Moody Bible Institute Spokane on Wednesday, November 8. Here we received the unfortunate announcement that the Biblical Studies Campus in Spokane would be **closing as of June 30, 2018**. However, the Aviation Campus remains open.

the reason

For the last three years Moody has experienced the same issue as other Bible colleges and seminaries. A decrease in student enrollment. Some of the reasons for this decline:

The U.S is now seeing the college-age transition between the "Millennial Generation" and "Generation Z". As this transition proceeds it has been predicted that we will see a decrease in the size of high school graduating classes, and a decrease in the number of traditional college applicants due to ethnic/cultural changes. Along with decreased contributions, this has resulted in a \$1.5 million deficit at Moody Bible Institute since June 2017.

the future

The Spokane Biblical Studies students will have different options available to them as they complete their degree with Moody Bible Institute. These options have not been finalized but will likely include transferring to Chicago to help fill vacancies, using Moody's online classes, and attending other approved classes at Christian schools then transferring those credits to Moody.

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OUR FAMILY lives in Spokane, WA where Wayne is an Aircraft Maintenance Instructor at Moody Bible Institute's Aviation School, on loan through Proclaim Aviation Ministries.

MOODY AVIATION IS RECOGNIZED as the premier missionary pilot/mechanic training school in the U.S.. PROCLAIM AVIATION MINISTRIES' partnership provides staff and resources to the mission aviation effort, and through them we are blessed to be a part of training future missionary pilots and mechanics.

MOODY GRADUATES transition to missionary bases overseas, where aviation is often the only way to access, to connect, and to sustain ministry. We are employing our passion and our skills as part of the effort reaching remote people with the Gospel.



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Aviation Campus

The administration of Moody Bible Institute realizes that closing the Missionary Aviation program would be an enormous loss for multiple mission organizations spreading the gospel to inaccessible parts of the world. They realize the unique ministry of the school in training missionary aviators who are a vital link for remote mission stations. Thus, they have decided the aviation campus will continue.



Training Options

With the closing of the Biblical Studies campus in Spokane, those students with an aviation focus will need to gain their biblical, theological and general studies in other ways going forward, in order to complete their degrees.

The aviation students will probably have the online and credit transfer options for classes normally taken at the Spokane Biblical Studies Campus, but not the option for attending at Chicago. Moody would prefer to have students at the Chicago campus for the complete duration of their study at Moody, instead of one or two years then transferring to the aviation campus in Spokane.

The preferred option on which the school is focusing involves hiring instructors that have previously taught at the Spokane Biblical Studies Campus. They will be hired as part time Bible instructors for the aviation students. Moody will be developing this option in an effort to keep all of the aviation training at one campus.

The Uniqueness of Moody

There are other missionary aviation schools in the US, but Moody Aviation is unique. Moody offers additional training that the majority of the other schools do not. The students receive two full years of Bible College, an FAA, A&P (aircraft maintenance) license, and advanced maintenance training in necessary skills like machine tools, and welding. The students also receive advanced wilderness survival training, and flight training that has been custom-developed with the assistance of aviation mission organizations. The year after graduation the students have the option to receive multi-engine training, and the opportunity to receive their flight instructor license.

Our family will remain in Spokane at the **aviation campus in our current position and role**, however, the student dynamics of the school will obviously see changes. Additional class room space will be needed, as will other aspects associated with transferring a freshman class to a different campus. Also, some of the necessary staff which had offices at the Biblical Studies campus will be moving to the aviation campus. Please pray for the students, for temporary and long term solutions to these changes and for the professors and staff who will be unemployed as of June 30, 2018.

THANK YOU for praying for our family as we serve at Moody Aviation.

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