

new perspectives

As newlyweds, Laura and I are settling into the pace and perspective of married life. We are grateful that God has given us each other as companions and spiritual encouragers, and we have already seen God using marriage to make us more like Christ and less like Evan and Laura.

We recently began taking a class at our church called *Perspectives*. The purpose is to show what God's aim is in missions and what His heart towards people is truly like. Though overwhelming at times, God is using this class to reshape our perceptions about Him.

It is amazing to see in scripture that God has a desire to glorify Himself, bless every people group, and conquer sin, death, and evil. He has promised to do these things, and His will is unstoppable. What a thrill to be on board with such an unstoppable mission!



Change is Coming

As some may be aware, Moody Global Ministries has chosen for financial reasons to close their Biblical Studies campus here in Spokane. Fortunately, Moody Aviation continues to remain open, ready to train the next generation of missionary aviators. This change brings new challenges for our Biblical Studies faculty who will be losing their jobs, yet it also creates an opportunity as new aviation students will join the community here at the aviation campus right away *while* completing their Biblical studies, instead of *after* the completion of the Biblical studies at another campus. Please pray for wisdom for our leadership and the many who are affected by these changes.

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Aviation Missionaries



We are currently living in Spokane, WA where Evan is a production mechanic at Moody Bible Institute's Aviation School. We are grateful to be a part of training future missionary pilots!

WHEN OUR WORK WITH MOODY IS COMPLETE: It is our goal, with the help of Proclaim Aviation Ministries, to transfer to a Missionary Aviation organization overseas. There, we will use aviation to take the Gospel where ministry would otherwise be impossible—beyond where the roads end.

The places where aviation is used to access otherwise unreachable locations; locations where missionary aviators daily traverse some of the most geographically and politically foreboding terrain to bring the hope of the Gospel—to the ends of the earth.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE SHOP

21 inspections on our basic training airplanes, each averaging 3 days of down time.

5 inspections on our complex aircraft, and FIVE inspections on our utility airplanes, each averaging 10 days of down time.

3 installations of new or overhauled engines on various airplanes.

Our students were involved in many of these maintenance projects, receiving valuable maintenance experience. And, all the work we completed together helped the students accomplish their flight training!

PRAY THAT

God would equip, encourage, and enable workers to go into the harvest to proclaim the gospel and bring hope to the hopeless.

God would give Laura and I both an increasing desire to count the things of this world as LOSS for the sake of knowing Christ. (And as a result, we would make him know!)

God would raise up people to partner along side us in the endeavor to reach the nations for Christ. People who are passionate about God's kingdom coming to the nations who haven't yet heard about Christ.



Grateful for your prayers & praying alongside you, *Evan & Laura*

training & sending

Our production maintenance shop has been hard at work keeping up with the demands of the school. I have been grateful to see my confidence growing as I get more and more maintenance experience, and recently I was "promoted" to the position of an Inspector. This means I have an extra responsibility to ensure that critical maintenance is done correctly. Exciting, but also sobering.

To keep the school flying, we recently completed an entire engine change on one of the training aircraft. We took all the components off the old engine, removed the engine itself, installed the components on the new engine, and installed that engine on the aircraft. It was about a month's worth of work, and when it was all said and done, the new engine started up and ran perfectly. Since then the aircraft has been returned to service and is now ready to be used by our fourth year students who are learning to fly mission specific aircraft. Pretty sweet! *To the left, see what else we have accomplished since I joined the shop in May.*

The Shop Team



so what does a missionary need most?

This question has kidnapped my thoughts in recent days. What can I really do to help missionaries, and what is it that I as a missionary really need from other people?

If you had asked me that question a year ago, **encouragement** would have been one of the first things that came to my mind. Choosing to make Christ known in any arena of life is an uphill battle, and sometimes the size of the hill is absolutely enormous. Discouragement ensues. Missionaries surely do need our encouragement.

Always on the mind of a missionary, is **financial support**. The reality is that I struggle to trust God's timing when it comes to providing for the needs of our family. Parts of me long to have greater "control" of our income. Parts of me long to be able to support our family now and into the future through the finances we receive, but currently that isn't a reality. BELIEVE ME, missionaries need your financial support!

—still, that's not the greatest need.

No, the best thing you can give a missionary, **the thing they really need most, is prayer**. Missionaries need you to genuinely plead with God on their behalf. **This is what I am most desperate for**. Prayer is the *means* by which any and all of our needs are met. Prayer's *resource* is the mighty hand of the living God, and its *purpose* is His will coming to pass. Such things can't be thwarted. Instead, God enables His plans to come to pass through prayer. Through prayer a missionary's needs are RICHLY supplied. Through prayer the Holy Spirit ministers to the needy soul of a missionary, gives them spiritual nourishment, AND provides encouragement. **I want to ask that you commit to an intense season of prayer for us. It could be a day, a week, or a month, but your prayers are what we TRULY need.**