

Josh & Heidi

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Aviation Missionaries

The past year has been filled with a lot of change—some wonderful, and some incredibly hard. We would love to share these changes with you in this letter.

Saying Yes

In April I got engaged to an amazing lady named Heidi! We met in September of 2017 when we were set up on a blind date by a mutual friend. Joel Powell and his wife, Kim, had been praying for a husband for Heidi. One day Joel felt the Lord lay it on his heart to introduce me to Heidi. So on a random day at work, Joel called me over and asked, "Would you go out with a 32-year-old nurse?" I said, "Yes." .

Our first date was the next evening, a week before Heidi left for a 6.5 week trip to Asia! We had a great time talking over dinner at The Old Spaghetti Factory, and agreed to hike together on Saturday. We surprised ourselves by hiking 16 miles up and around Mt. Spokane! Heidi left for Asia the next Monday, and as the weeks went by our communication increased. The day after she returned, we began the dating journey.

We made some trips back to Missouri to visit our parents who "happen" to live an hour apart, and our families were able to meet over that Christmas. We've genuinely enjoyed getting to know each other as we continued daily life. It's been a delight to see how God has crafted us with similar values, beliefs, and interests yet with different personalities and giftings.

On a moonlit spring evening, on a beach next to Coeur 'd Alene Lake, I got down on one knee and asked if she would marry me. She said, "Yes!" We were married at Northview Bible Church on July 8th and spent our honeymoon recuperating from the busyness of wedding planning and enjoying ourselves on Vancouver Island in Courtenay, BC. Now that we are home together in Spokane, we look forward to seeing how we can say "Yes" to what God has for us in the future! It has been so wonderful to have a companion and team mate to share life with!

MISSIONS & AIRPLANES.

Curious? We would love to visit over...Coffee? Skype? Email? Phone?



We currently live in Spokane, WA where Heidi is a nurse, and I serve as an avionics technician at Moody Bible Institute's Aviation School, on loan through Proclaim Aviation Ministries.

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Beauty from Ashes



Unfortunately on July 13th while still on our honeymoon, I received a call that there had been a fatal aircraft accident involving a flight instructor and two students from Moody. I also found out that the flight instructor was my friend and colleague who worked in the office across the hall from me. All of the crash victims left behind wives and children, with two of the wives expecting babies. It was a very sad day and not the ideal end to our honeymoon.

When I returned to work, that first week and a half no one flew or worked on aircraft. We spent time working through the grief, caring for the families, and re-evaluating our procedures and processes to ensure no problems existed that could cause another crash. We consulted with the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) and the FAA. Neither saw issues that made our program unsafe. Unfortunately we do not know the cause of the crash. The NTSB will likely come out with their full investigation, and a cause might be identified from their findings.

Nonetheless, there is good that has come from the crash. The memorial services of each of the men was a testament to God's sovereignty and grace, and the lives they lived inspired some to give their life to the Lord, and encouraged others to remain steadfast in Christ.

Please pray for their wives and families as they continue to feel the loss of their husbands and fathers.

back at the hangar

On the aircraft side of news. We have been working on installing the new touch screen instruments in the airplane for several months now. We should be able to fly the plane for the first time shortly after the new year! It has been exciting to see the project coming together. Unfortunately, I have spent much of my time writing up documents to submit to the FAA in order to get approval to fly the plane. I would much rather work on the physical airplane but thankfully Jordan, my assistant, has been able to keep moving on the installation side of the project while I work on the paper work. We continue working to install and upgrade Moody's new avionics systems, so that their missionary aviators remain incredibly well-trained for the rigors of ministry.



172 glass panel system operational



Working on the 172 glass panel system

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