

# Walton Kostreva



## Summer 2019 Newsletter

*"In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." John 1:3-4 ESV*

This summer has been full of exciting events and some big life changes! In May, my family and I had the privilege of seeing my brother, Caleb, graduate from Howard Payne University. I have been so blessed by his companionship and am excited for what God has in store for him. On June 22<sup>nd</sup>, I had the privilege of graduating with 14 other individuals from the Moody Aviation program (8 flight and 7 maintenance students). It was an incredible time being reminded of the faithfulness of God as he brought each of us through the thick and thin of the last 5 years. Even as we approached the one year mark of last year's accident, we were reminded that God is not limited as mankind is, and he continues to faithfully work to further his glory and kingdom!



Caleb's Graduation from HPU.

As I mentioned in my previous letter, I will be remaining at Moody Aviation as a flight instructor to help train up the next generation of missionary pilots. This is a two year commitment, after which I plan to join an overseas mission organization. Currently, I have been accepted to Proclaim Aviation, a partner organization with Moody, whose goal is to help individuals transition from school to the overseas mission field (more to come soon on how you can partner with me in this!). As part of this



decision, I will be completing a course to become a certified flight instructor (CFI/CFII). I started this training mid-July and am scheduled to finish early October. During this training, a fellow graduate, Josh Cowles, and I have been learning tips on how best to teach new concepts to students and ways to be most effective as a flight instructor. We have also been preparing lessons that will be taught to new students and are practicing teaching both in the classroom and the airplane to our instructor while he plays the role of a new student.



My CFI/CFII instructor and I after a flight.

This summer, the college group leader at my church announced that he would be needing to step down from leading the group soon and I was asked to fill this position. Starting early August, I began leading the college/young adult group at church. While this transition has not come without its own challenges, I have been thankful for the opportunity to speak into people’s lives spiritually and see people grow! I have been blessed by an excellent group of people who are willing to help wherever needed and have given me grace as I have begun this new role.

With all of these transitions, please be praying that I may have diligence in filling these different roles well, that the students will be eager to learn and take on new challenges and that these new opportunities will prepare me well for future ministry.

Because of Christ,

*Walton Kostrom*

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Praise for completing my degree at Moody! I could not have done it without help from the Lord through each of you!
- Preparation as I train to instruct flight students this coming Spring.
- Wisdom and clarity for me as I lead the college/young adult group at church, and opportunities for the group to grow.

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 2014

Begin Flight  
 Training  
 2018

Graduate from  
 Moody Aviation  
 2019

Begin as flight  
 instructor at  
 Moody Aviation  
 2020

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 2022