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LIFE WITH THE LONGS



“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.”

-1 Thessalonians 5:11

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO:

Hey Friends! Eric here with the update this month. Last month, Katie let you all know about **our visit with Missionary Flights International in Florida (MFI)**. Please be praying for MFI as they currently have an incredibly full schedule providing **aid to the Bahamas after hurricane Dorian**. On top of the relief aid they are also continuing their normal support of missionaries in Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

After Katie and I got back from our time with MFI, the fall semester at Moody Aviation was just beginning. I am currently instructing the Second-Year class. Since the 5-year Missionary Aviation program begins with Bible training, this is actually the **first semester of technical training for these second-year students**. I've enjoyed teaching the students about the machine shop and the fundamentals of aircraft maintenance. Watching the students open their new toolboxes was reminiscent of Christmas mornings.

As much of the training process happens on the hangar floor in small group settings, I have regular opportunity to get to know the students and help them grow in their personal strengths and learning styles. The “aha!” moment when a student grasps a concept is **easily one of the most satisfying parts of my work with the students**.

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Katie at SRM, her new job.



Gathering to celebrate the life of Katie's Grandfather in Rochester, NY.



Pilot in Training



Working with the aviation students has made it incredibly obvious just how important one's attitude is to successful learning. A positive and grateful attitude tied with an attitude of ownership is often directly linked to the success of each student, both inside and outside of the classroom. This has been an awesome reminder for me as we all can choose how we react to both joys and trials in our lives.

While the students are learning and growing quickly in this rigorous program, I personally feel like I am learning more than the students are! To reach the level of knowledge and understanding required to teach a subject takes work and intentionality. Thankfully, I am surrounded by fantastic instructors with many years of experience, and I have enjoyed learning from them. I've heard it said that the best way to learn a subject is to teach it. That certainly has been true for me!

HOW CAN YOU JOIN IN?



FINANCIALLY

We are currently at 69% of our first financial support goal and 17% of our total financial support need.

Interested in partnering financially in this ministry with us? Please reach out to us!

Know anyone who may be interested in what we are doing? We are looking for partners who are passionate about ministry .



PRAYFULLY

Pray for discernment for Eric with the students, to know when to encourage and uplift vs. when to challenge and help grow.

Pray for Katie as she is continuing to learn about the in-depth medicine of fertility at her new job, and is meeting with new patients daily.



CELEBRATING

Katie is loving her new job. The culture of this work place is much healthier. She is feeling both supported and cared for by her co-workers and the doctor she works under. It has, overall, been an awesome transition.

I SAY TO THE LORD, "YOU ARE MY LORD; APART FROM YOU I HAVE NO GOOD THING." -PSALM 16:2

Training the Next Generation of Missionary Aviators