

Rejoicing with the Robertsons

FALL/WINTER 2020



Hey there, how's it going? Over the past year, our world has turned upside down. We hope that you are finding rest, peace, and continued hope in the Lord. We are stoked to get to share with you some of the life happenings within the Robertson household. We will be ministering in Spokane for the next couple of years! This is a decision that we have not made lightly and we are thrilled to share with you why this is such great news. Stay tuned and find out how staying local can have such a global impact!

COVID - 19

Like many others, we have been greatly affected by this virus. Due to a mandated quarantine, schools shut down, putting Shelby out of a job and me out of school. Moody moved to an online learning platform, but it did not allow us to continue with flights. Shelby and I were able to spend intentional time together to strengthen our marriage during this time. Moody was able to start back up with some flight training at the beginning of May. We were also in the process of scheduling an overseas internship to Haiti for this summer, which was cancelled due to the coronavirus and travel bans. We have had to invent a new "normal," but we are incredibly grateful for all that God has been teaching and showing us during this time. He is our provider. We need to continue trusting in Him.

GRADUATION



When I was working on my Instrument ratings, I wore this *hood* to simulate flying through the clouds. Now, I am certified to fly and instruct while flying in low visibility conditions!



Darth Zander

I have graduated and am now a Moody Aviation Alumni. It has been quite the journey! I am incredibly grateful for the 5+ years of training that I have received from Moody. There have been many highs and lows over my time at Moody, but our administrative staff at Moody have handled everything with love, grace, and encouragement. We are so blessed to call Moody Aviation and its staff and students our dear friends and family.

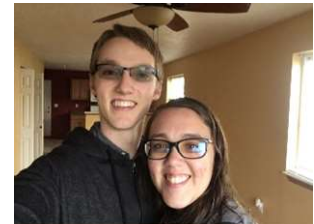
Shelby also graduated this April. She received her Master of Science in Curriculum and Instruction from Western Governor's University. She had the opportunity to work in a kindergarten classroom last fall to implement a calm down corner for her culmination research project.

WHAT'S NEXT?

During the mandatory time off we had, we were blessed to have the opportunity to purchase our first home. Our new home is right next to the airport and a 3-minute bike ride to Moody. You might be thinking, "Wait, aren't you two planning on serving overseas?" Yes, we still are. However, Shelby and I believe our immediate next step is staying local to reach global. This upcoming year, Moody is implementing a new curriculum that will require all hands on deck: they need more flight instructors and I have been asked to join the team. After prayerfully considering this incredible opportunity, we believe this is what we are supposed to do. Graduates of Moody Aviation serve all over the world as key pieces to worldwide missions. As an instructor, I will have the privilege of investing in people who are going to take the Gospel all over the world. Isn't that an honor or what?

In order to serve as an instructor at Moody, I needed some new credentials: flight instructor! Praise be to the Lord, I received my flight instructor's certificate in November and my added instrument instructor rating in early December. Another prerequisite to teaching at Moody is joining a transition ministry called *Proclaim Aviation Ministries*. Proclaim and Moody have a partnership that reduces the cost of tuition for Moody students by thousands of dollars (we will provide more detail on this in subsequent letters). I will commit to serve as a flight instructor with Moody for 3 years, beginning January 1st, 2021. Staying local also gives Shelby an opportunity to minister in a unique capacity (more on that later.) We will continue using this time to build good foundations within our marriage before heading overseas. Be ready for more updates: this is such an exciting time for us!

During our time in Spokane, we will continue serving as small group leaders within our youth group at Shiloh Hills Fellowship. Would you please consider supporting us in prayer as we take each step in faith? There are some big changes coming up that we are thrilled about, but change can seem daunting. Thank you for being a part of what God is doing in our lives! We can't wait to see what He will do next.



PRAYER

- Guidance and spiritual fervor with the youth ministry at Shiloh Hills, especially during this season of COVID
- That we would rely on God with an eternal focus and not get bogged down by hardships
- For the church within our nation to continue loving in the midst of unrest and division

PRAISE

- The ability to purchase our own home
- Graduation
- Intentional time to strengthen our marriage and build good habits
- The Lord revealing the direction we believe He wants us to take

If you have any questions or would like to connect with us, please reach out to us via email at Zanderandshelby@gmail.com. We would love to hear from you!