

MARK & CHRISTINE T A T H A M



refining joy.

Greetings from Spokane! We pray this letter finds you well, and we hope you have been able to enjoy the beauty of God's creation recently. Here in Spokane, the warm summer weather has set in, and we have been soaking up the longer days outside when the heat has allowed. The school year is done, and we are regrouping to continue ministering to our students.

WE THANK YOU ALL for your continual prayer and partnership with us in training up the next generation of mission aviators. Let us share with you what your prayers and support has encouraged over the last months.

AVIATION MISSIONARIES

We currently ministering in Spokane, WA. Christine is serving with Proclaim Aviation Ministries, on the aircraft maintenance training staff at Moody Bible Institute's Aviation School, and Mark is teaching music at a local elementary school. We are blessed to be a part of training future missionary pilots while we prepare for our own eventual overseas ministry. Missionary aviators traverse some of the world's most forbidding terrain to bring bible translators, pastors, medical aid, supplies, and sustenance —all with the love of Christ—beyond where the roads end. We are part of this effort sustaining ministry at the ends of the earth.

Training the Next Generation of Missionary Aviators.



Planting our first garden



Maintenance Students stripping old paint off an aileron flight control surface



Working on new aircraft electrical system training aids

pray.

PRAISING

None of Christine's students were adversely affected by Covid-19.

Mark made it through a year of Covid-19 teaching.

PRAYING

Please continue to pray for the aviation students as they progress in their maintenance studies.

Christine would grow in her abilities instructor.

We would walk more closely with Jesus and trust Him more each day.

We would love and trust Jesus even more.

IT HAS BEEN A BUSY SEASON AT MOODY AVIATION. The maintenance students recently finished up the semester and they are headed into a short summer recess. Students had a full semester learning about landing gear, hydraulics, painting, rigging flight controls, and a whole lot more! Covid-19 exposure quarantines made for an especially unique semester. Many students ended up behind in their curriculum, but they worked hard to complete all their required projects, and they deserve a break. We praise God that no students were seriously ill or adversely affected by Covid-19. Over summer break, Christine will be work on revamping old electrical training aides and preparing for next semester with various projects.

THE SCHOOL YEAR HAS ALSO JUST ENDED FOR MARK and he is grateful for a third year of teaching even amidst the difficulties of the past year. The music ministry to youth-group students that Mark started earlier this year has continued, and teams of students have helped lead worship at Cheney Community Church for two different Sunday services. He is also working a summer job for a tree care company. Overall, Mark is astounded that our first year of marriage has gone so quickly, and he praises God for the refining joy that marriage is.

We are so grateful for each of you and your faithful support. Please let us know how we can best pray for you. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as your trust in Him.

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