

# MARK & CHRISTINE T A T H A M

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## abiding gratitude.

November marked one year since Christine started her job training missionaries, at Moody Aviation! As Mark and I reflect on this past year, we are filled with gratitude for the ways you have supported us, lifted us up in prayer, and given financially. Christine's role at Moody Aviation would not be possible without you. Thank you for taking part in training missionaries to bring the hope of the gospel to the ends of the earth!

### 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.**



*Students inspecting an exhaust system*



*Running up the turbocharged engine*



*Students reassembling engine after performing overhaul*



*The weather outside is frightful*

## ministry update

Loud, muffled sounds of reciprocating engines running just outside the hangar door were heard most days at Moody Aviation this semester. Christine has continued working with the third year maintenance class. These students have been hard at work meeting the requirements to obtain their powerplant certificate. A powerplant certificate allows a mechanic to perform maintenance and inspections on engines.

Most of the training this semester has been around engine work. Moody has special equipment that allows the students to make mistakes without the possibility of any detrimental outcomes to a live aircraft. The special equipment also allows instructors to purposefully place faults like shorted spark plugs, incorrectly timed magnetos, or clogged fuel injectors into the engines for the students to troubleshoot. These troubleshooting scenarios provide a great learning opportunity and allows students to encounter issues they could face as mechanics working on the mission field.

Many of the third year students will be taking their powerplant oral and practical exam in the upcoming weeks. This is a stressful exam that can take as long as two days, and Christine certainly remembers her own intense study as a student not too long ago. Please pray for the students as they study and prepare to be tested.



May the God of hope fill you with joy as you trust in Him,

Mark & Christine

## pray.

Mark would be a light for the gospel at his elementary school.

Third year class would be diligent in their studies as they wrap up maintenance training.

Christine would grow in her abilities as an instructor and be a blessing to the students.

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