

His faithfulness reaches to the skies

DJ MERRIAM | *Aviation. How we sustain ministry at the ends of the earth.*



I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

John 10:10-11



STUDENTS REMOVING A TURBINE ENGINE. A FINAL MAINTENANCE TRAINING PROJECT BEFORE TESTING TO BECOME CERTIFIED AIRCRAFT MECHANICS.

Ministry Update.

It is hard for me to believe we are already four months into 2021. We are halfway through the spring term at Moody Aviation, and as with other higher education institutions, this year brought a significant change in training and programs.

This year began with me continuing to work with the maintenance training department at Moody Aviation. Last fall I worked with students who were just starting their training. In January, I began working with students who were finishing their aircraft maintenance training and preparing to take their FAA tests to be certified as aircraft mechanics. It was a pleasure to see these students bring together the knowledge they had gained as they worked on some larger projects, like a turbine engine change. I enjoyed learning more about this type of engine as well, as it had been more than 10 years since I had done a similar project.

Now, in April, several of those students have started their flight training, while some have continued with more advanced aircraft maintenance training at Moody Aviation, and others have moved on to pursue employment. As you think of them pray for these different groups of students, that they would continue to follow God's leading and He would meet their needs in the work He has given them.

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REPLACING THE HEART OF THE ENGINE —THE FUEL CONTROL UNIT— TEACHING THE STUDENTS HOW TO RUN A TURBINE ENGINE.



After those students finished their projects, I continued working on the turbine engines to repair some of the issues that were beyond the scope and time of the projects the students were given. It was an opportunity for me to refresh some knowledge and develop further skills, while helping to improve our equipment, ensuring its use to our students in the future.

Here in the middle of the term, I will work more closely with the maintenance students who are about halfway through their maintenance training. They have just developed some major skills in repairing aircraft skins and structures by learning to weld and rivet. Now they will delve deeper into aircraft systems like the hydraulics of landing gear and the various instrumentation systems. Thankfully, in spite of COVID procedures and protocols, the students are keeping up with the new schedule.

Seeking His Direction.

I believe God put me on the path to train and serve as a missionary aviator. However, the culmination of that path is no longer an option. I have asked many of you to join me in praying for God's direction. It is foremost in my heart to do whatever God wants me to do. He hasn't made it clear that I should do anything different. If anything, He has shown me how much there is to learn in my relationship with Him and, honestly, to continue to heal so that I may be better available to love and serve others.

I have committed to continue working at Moody Aviation for at least one more year. As before, Moody is grateful for my presence and for the skills and individual qualities I bring to the team. They continue to be supportive of me and my family through the challenges of this season. This commitment will continue to provide stability for us, as well as for Moody Aviation.

To continue this service, I would be grateful for any new partners to join with me and the ministry at Moody Aviation, through prayer and financially giving. If you are interested or know someone who would be blessed in partnership with this ministry, feel free to reach out to me.

So Grateful.

I am ever grateful for your prayers and continued financial support. Thank you for partnering with me in this ministry of training aviation missionaries to carry God's love around the world, and share the knowledge of His forgiveness through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. YOU are part of making that happen. You are being used by God for that great work. Because you are praying for me and financially giving, I am able to train these missionaries and serve multiple needs at Moody Aviation. So, thank you!

Remember, God is our hope. He is love and THE source of our abundant life.

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PRAYER

I continue to need your prayers and support in life & ministry.

Please continue praying for the students, for the school, and the program as it changes & grows.

Praise God for His abundant provision in years past that cushioned and carried me through those times.

Please pray for provision and partnerships, to fill the \$1100 monthly ministry shortfalls that I am experiencing.



This is the blessed life—not anxious to see far in front, nor preoccupied with the next step; not eager to choose the path, nor weighed down by the heavy responsibilities of the future; but enjoying the opportunity to quietly follow behind the Shepherd, one step at a time.

Streams in the Desert

Call. Email. Text. I would love to visit, and hear how you are doing in these challenging times.