

# DERIK & ZOË

F L E N S B U R G

*joining God in reaching the nations through aviation*



## summer of growth

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Derik's effectiveness in developing safety at Moody

Completion of fundraising for Zoë to get started in her role at Moody Aviation

Spiritual growth and community development of the students

**THIEVES IN SPOKANE.** On Sunday June 5th, I (Zoë) awoke at sunrise and looked out our bedroom window to check the weather. Our past few weeks had been rain and gloom. As I peered between the window shades, my eyes locked onto our empty parking spot where we had parked our '99 Subaru the night before. Oh dear. Another car stolen. Some of you may remember that my '92 Jetta was stolen from our apartment in 2018 and we recovered it the very next day after 6 hours of searching. This wasn't our first rodeo, as they say, so we began the all too familiar city-wide search. After the initial police report and 10 hours of searching our city, nothing. Eventually we accepted that the car was gone until God decided otherwise, remembering that He provides all that we need. Instead, each time we remembered the car, it became an opportunity to pray for the unknown thief.

**ALASKA.** In mid-June we boarded a plane enroute to Alaska. Our primary reason for the trip was to fulfill an invitation from Solid Rock Bible Camp to speak at a week-long teen horse camp, one we were honored to accept. The weather was beautiful and sunny that week. Derik spoke in the mornings and I spoke in the evenings as we tag-team taught on the topics of identity, purpose, suffering, and community. We chose these topics when we asked the question, "When I was a teenager, what do I wish I had been taught from God's perspective?" God blessed us that week with the growing experience of teaching, the sweet time of reuniting with our camp friends, and getting to know the delightful campers. After our week of camp, we embraced fellowship with friends, ministry partners and family under the sunny summer Alaskan sky.



We went camping with our bible study group, found wild morels, and cooked them over a campfire together.



Zoë shares the Word with teen horse campers at Solid Rock Bible Camp in Soldotna, AK.



Derik and his flight students at the MAF Aviation Camp in Cascade, ID

**FLYING AT MAF AVIATION CAMP.** As we returned from Alaska, many of you were praying for us as we both were under the weather and yet another full week of camp ministry awaited us. By His grace, God healed our bodies in time and the busy summer continued. In the next few days, we packed our luggage into Moody's "Tangerine", an orange and white Cessna 172, for a flight down to Cascade, ID where Derik would give flight instruction to high school-age campers. Mission Aviation Fellowship runs Aviation Camp every summer in Cascade, ID with the goal of introducing aviation-oriented youth aged 16-18 to the vision, purpose, and technical challenge of missionary aviation. Derik enjoyed instructing while I helped dispatch flights and assist in games and activities. We both loved the opportunity to interact with and encourage the campers who are each asking God if mission aviation is where God is leading them. As the week came to a close, one of them shared that he believes God is leading him to be trained at Moody!

**SPOKANE AGAIN. CAR UN-STOLEN.** Following the intense week of Aviation Camp, we were both drained. After a time of rest, I (Derik) have resumed my role at Moody Aviation in managing and developing safety processes. In enabling me to do things like handling the safety reporting system and teaching the 2nd-year students on safety culture and safety management systems, God has been at work improving safety at Moody. Since the theft of our car, I have been commuting to the hangar each day on a Honda 90 trail bike. However, God gave us back what was stolen. We were called by the police who advised us that our car was left not far from Downtown Spokane. When we went to it, we found that the lower half had been spray painted brown, the stereo removed, the catalytic converter cut out, and the inside turned into a mess. We towed it home and decided that it will work for us, but not without us first putting some "sanctifying" work into it.

**WHAT'S NEXT?** I (Zoë) have yet to begin working with the 4th and 5th year students in maintenance training at Moody Aviation as we are still in the process of partnership development to build a team of fellow believers who partner with us in prayer, advocacy, and financial giving. Many of you have partnered with us; thank you so much for your encouragement and generosity! Please pray that the Lord would connect us with others who He has prepared to walk with us in seeking to serve Him. Reaching this goal allows both Derik and me to work full-time as missionaries with Proclaim Aviation Ministries on-loan to Moody Aviation. Our fundraising goal and progress are in the graphic below.



If you would like to learn more about what God does in missionary aviation and are wondering what involvement could look like for you, please reach out to us! We'd love to meet with you and share.

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