

DERIK & ZOË

F L E N S B U R G

joining God in reaching the nations through aviation



the Lord provides

pray.

God's provision for more workers in missionary aviation worldwide.

God's provision for staff at Moody Aviation so that they can train & send more workers into the field.

Further mental health resources for Moody Aviation's staff & students, who can deal with fatigue, depression, and need for community.

Derik & Zoë's growth and effectiveness in their roles serving students at Moody Aviation.

TRAVELS, TRAVELS. On In these past few months, God has moved us in all four cardinal directions. South to Reno, NV to spend time with good friends at the Air Races, and later to Las Vegas for Derik's brother's wedding. West to Tacoma to make a delivery of chairs for shipment to Solid Rock Bible Camp in Soldotna, AK. East to Wichita, KS to attend Bombardier's Safety Standdown with Garry and Cynthia Barkman. Then, after a week in Caldwell, ID with Zoë's family, north to Kenai, AK to visit family, friends, and churches. Each trip was a blessing to us in multiple ways, but chief among them was the blessing of partnering together in ministry with everyone.

LIFE IN COMMUNITY. Some of you will remember one of our prayer requests last year: to be freed from isolation and better engaged in community, because God has made us to serve and to rely upon others. For you who pray, know that God is answering your prayers! Just over a year ago, God connected us to a group of fellow believers through Mosaic Fellowship, our Spokane church. We meet weekly to share a meal, study the Bible together, and pray for each other. This has been a blessing because we can share each other's burdens, both physical and emotional. Furthermore, we encourage each other as we seek to serve in missionary aviation, as we each happen to be connected to Moody Aviation.



Derik & Zoë share with friends about aviation ministry before watching the *Ends of the Earth* documentary together at The Compass in Nikiski, AK.



Moody mechanic Steve McMath performs maintenance on a Cessna 172 with flight students. Soon, Zoë will work with students here!



Zoë stands in her new office with Dan Appleby, her supervisor in advanced maintenance instruction.

GOSPEL IMPACT. Jesus said, “the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.” This is still true today as one of worldwide missions’ greatest needs is people. Moody Aviation exists to equip God’s servants to advance the cause of Christ in world missions through aviation technologies. God has been faithful to fulfill that purpose despite challenges Moody faces, such as understaffing. Moody Aviation is still seeking student services personnel and at least two maintenance instructors. It was against this backdrop that God brought Derik into his role managing and developing safety processes at Moody. To further meet this need, Zoë has also been invited to be involved at Moody as an Advanced Maintenance Instructor. On that note, there is good news!

ZOË BEGINS AT MOODY. Since Zoë accepted the invitation to join the staff at Moody in July of last year, we have been developing partnerships with fellow believers to pray for us, advocate for us, and to give financially to meet a minimum funding goal set by our sending organization, Proclaim Aviation Ministries. This month, through those partnerships with you, God has brought us to that minimum goal. Therefore, as this is being written, today is Zoë’s first day on staff at Moody Aviation! She will be working with Dan Appleby, who oversees advanced maintenance instruction. Zoë will be “spooled up” by spending some weeks working in the maintenance shop with Moody’s technicians servicing live aircraft. Then, she will assist in training flight students on their maintenance training weeks. This will help these students continue to grow in maintenance experience alongside their flight training.

LOOKING FORWARD. Zoë is starting a two-year commitment to serve at Moody Aviation. However, Derik is one year into his two-year commitment. We have begun asking the Lord for guidance in this coming year as to which direction He is leading us. Despite uncertainty, our vision for and commitment to ministry remains firm: we want to seek ways for innovations in aviation technology to aid the spread and impact of the gospel worldwide. The impact of logistical solutions through aviation in missions cannot be understated. If the Lord leads us to do so, we are willing to continue to serve at Moody. However, we are also willing to serve in missionary aviation overseas and are still developing partnerships to that end.



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If you would like to be involved in God’s work to reach the nations through aviation, please get in touch with us! You can scan this QR code with your phone to communicate how you would like to connect.

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