

ANDY & JERUSHA

making it connect.

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the adventure and challenges we face as we endeavor to follow God's will for our life.



Adding switches to the pilot's control yoke for the autopilot install



Jerusha with the ladies from Up and Running Again

MOODY AVIATION.

Andy's job at Moody continues to present new challenges as he installs and helps maintain the avionics in the fleet of 16 training airplanes. The many hours are beginning to bear fruit as now the second airplane with a new autopilot system that he has installed has been returned to the flight training department. With two airplanes completed, Andy and his supervisor Josh still have six more aircraft waiting for upgrades. What a blessing that God has provided the equipment needed to train the next generation of missionary pilots. Please pray that he provides the grace and energy as we work to complete the necessary upgrades!

UP and RUNNING AGAIN.

I (Jerusha) started coaching for Up and Running Again (a run program that partners with a women's recovery home here in Spokane) back in July, and it has been a joy-filled past twelve weeks as I've gotten to come alongside these ladies and encourage them as they train for the Spokane Half Marathon. Although there have been days I haven't been able to run due to pregnancy pains and discomfort, I've actually been able to get out and run with the ladies most days this season which is definitely an answer to prayer! The program started with about ten ladies, and three of those have made it through the training and will be running the half marathon this Sunday.

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Talking about missionary aviation with a youth group in the Midwest.

these days.

Sitting in the car outside a church in the Midwest we reached across the center console to hold hands and say a short prayer. Partnership development is not always easy. As we paused to ask God to guide our words and help us to be an encouragement to the people we were about to meet, we were reminded that in ministry we all need each other. The body of Christ is complete when we all operate in our given purpose. It was wonderful to get updates about life events and reconnect with those who have partnered with us so faithfully through their prayers and giving. In total we spent just over 3 weeks on the road and drove just short of 6,100 miles. While on the road we took the opportunity to visit Mission Aviation Fellowship in Nampa, ID and the headquarters for our organization, Proclaim in Worthington, MN. That experience confirmed two things for us: These mission organizations are staffed with amazing people and the need for the missionary pilots and mechanics that Moody Aviation is training is greater now than ever.

Since our trip this summer, we have been busy working and getting ready for the baby to come. In June, after much prayer and seeking wisdom from our mentors, we made the difficult choice to stay in Spokane for three more years. We do not fully understand the purpose that God has for us here but we both feel strongly that this is where He is calling us for this season and see exciting ways that He is directing us to serve our community and church while we are here.

masked beauty.

**Name has been changed for privacy.*

Steph's* deep brown eyes peered over the top of a blue face mask as she made her way over to give me a hug. "I'm not sick," she explained, avoiding eye contact and nervously fidgeting with her hands. "It's just, I had to have all my teeth pulled, and I'm so embarrassed for anyone to see me." My heart ached for her as she told me she felt hiding her smile behind a mask was necessary to avoid rejection.

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Previously, Steph had shared her story while we ran together. She was now six months sober from an addiction that had held her captive for more than thirty years. Entering a long-term

recovery program and enduring the healing process has not been easy. An inescapable part of healing from self-destructive behaviors is facing the damage they have inflicted.

One of the fears Steph had expressed was her looming dentist appointment. "I'm afraid of what they're going to tell me. Who will think I'm beautiful if I have no teeth?" I looked into her eyes and saw a soul longing to find worth. And now here she was, a few weeks later, all of her teeth pulled and afraid to look at herself in the mirror. Still sitting in the hurt and destruction that her past brokenness had created, but still choosing to show up and fight to leave behind that brokenness.

In some ways, I think it's a fight we all can relate to as we have the same battles. When I think of my own brokenness, words I grew up singing in church come to mind: "How deep the Father's love for us/ How vast beyond all measure/ That He should give his only Son/ To make a wretch his treasure." Please pray for Steph and her recovery journey. Pray that she would know her beauty in Christ and find hope and healing in the redemptive work he is trying to do in her life.

PLEASE PRAY For a healthy mom and baby when we deliver in October! • For guidance as we seek to be used by God in Spokane at Moody, our church, and our community. • For the group study we are starting at church this month

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