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joining God in reaching the nations through aviation



THE LORD IS OUR SHELTER

Back in January of 2025, when we moved into the house we are now renting, our friends and MAF missionary landlords anticipated ~2 years that they would be in South Africa. In March of this year, they returned to the states and are now seeking the Lord for their next steps in life and in ministry. Please join us in praying for them as they seek God's will and also for us in flexibility and wisdom in finding new housing if the Lord leads them to return to their home. It has been a joy and honor to steward their home while they served overseas, and we know the Lord has perfect plans for us even in the possible housing change which came about sooner than expected.

One of the greatest blessings we have enjoyed is the ability to spend time with Moody Aviation staff and students inside our home and out. In the winter, there were cold plunges in the Spokane River before sharing soup and bread back at our place. More recently, it was a hike in the forest hills of North Idaho to search for morel mushrooms, and gathering at our place to play games and tell stories together. The fundamental basis of relationship is shared experience; we are thankful that God has provided this with our friends at Moody.

pray

- Growth in the knowledge of God's love
- More energy, recovery from sickness
- Wisdom and encouragement in our roles at Moody
- Clearer vision for housing and ministry in the future

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Floods at the church in Haleiwa.



Games with Moody Staff and students at the house, telling a story together. Of course, it was about airships!



Zoë instructs MAF Teen Aviation campers on how to drill aluminum and prep for aircraft riveting.

Oahu

Last fall we were invited by good friends to help facilitate a week-long, Alaska-themed, youth day camp at a church in Haleiwa on the North Shore of Oahu in March. It was not hard to say yes, especially since our 10-year anniversary was coming up! We went to Oahu and met the team on the North Shore, where we helped set up for the day camp themed “Seen and Known”. The campers were divided into age groups named after Alaskan animals; by accident, our group had both whales and caribou assigned to it, so Zoë and I helped oversee “Team Whalibou.”

It was around the end of camp that Zoë caught a virus, coming down with a fever and lacking energy. Then, Friday night came. As we slept, more than 16 inches of rain from the Kona Low weather system poured down on Oahu, flooding the North Shore. Some places in Haleiwa were more than waist deep. It was uncertain if the earthen dam upriver would hold, so we evacuated inland and were given a place to stay at a church in Wahiawa. We were so welcomed and blessed by Wahiawa First Baptist!

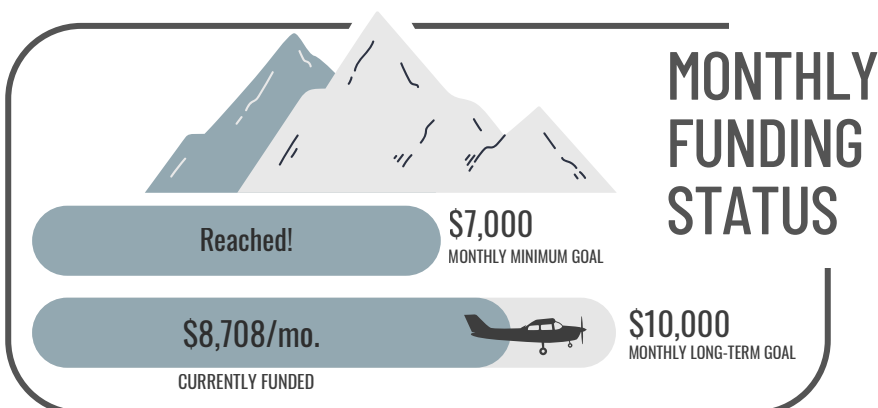
We were able to spend a few days on Oahu recovering from the previous week and watching the brown water dissipate on the beaches before we headed back to Spokane. It took some months for Zoë to recover from the viral illness, but God has mostly restored her energy capacity. Thank you to everyone who prayed for Zoë's recovery and for our safety amidst the uncertainty and chaos!

Updates from Moody Aviation

Here are the recent highlights from our ministry at Moody Aviation.

In Maintenance Training, Zoë did wheel and brake servicing with students on our Cessna 185's composite amphibious floats with special sealed wheel bearings. This aircraft allows our students to pursue seaplane endorsements. In aviation safety, Derik's supervisor, Garry Barkman, is stepping away from his role and is helping steward the transition of Ian Hawk into the position. These changes require great care, but they can bring fresh ideas.

This summer, we are just getting back from MAF's Teen Aviation Camp to share the vision for missionary aviation, and we are preparing to leave for EAA Airventure at Oshkosh to represent Moody Aviation. Then, our new class of first-year students arrive in Spokane. There's a lot going on, including the uncertainty about housing plans and clear ideas for next steps in ministry. However, God gives good rest, and we are pleased to be in the place He has led us. Proverbs 16:9 says, “A man plans his way in his heart, but the Lord determines his steps.”



We look forward to the steps God has for us next, wherever He leads. What is the next step the Lord has for you?

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