

to make It known

THE MOHNS | Josh • Heidi • Thad • Annabelle • Andrew

“

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. Do everything in love.”

1 Corinthians 16:13-14



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MOODY AVIATION?

This spring one of the senior maintenance specialist students, Cody, chose an avionics specialization for his spring practicum. Josh has really enjoyed teaching and mentoring Cody in the avionics field. Josh has also enjoyed the blessing of having additional help with the avionics work in the shop! They are now in the final days of revamping the electrical system on one of Moody's Cessna 182s. The radios and instruments are installed, and are undergoing final calibration and testing. It will be very exciting to get this plane finished!



Cody and Andy have been working hard on ironing out the final details of the equipment installation while I finalize the paperwork for the FAA



It's always exciting to get the equipment turned on the first time!



Moody Aviation's first Cessna 182 is nearing a complete avionics update.

Once everything is powered & operating, we calibrate & test all of the systems. Here we are calibrating the fuel gauges & leveling the flight instruments.



The cabin on N756MN still looks pretty rough. The last step after everything is tested and calibrated is to put the interior panels back in.



It's a natural tendency to make decisions with comfort and security in mind.

But isn't it true that, "Nothing worthwhile comes without sacrifice," (quote from my volleyball coach in college). The greater the sacrifice, the greater the value! Praise the Lord that He made the greatest sacrifice so that we have eternal hope and meaning in this life as well!

It is because of this reality that we serve at Moody Aviation, on mission to be a part of raising up more missionary aviators who will serve abroad and take the Gospel message to some of the least reached people groups in the world.

In March, Josh and Cody were able to travel to TX

to attend the Aircraft Electronics Association (AEA) convention. The convention allowed them to attend training seminars to keep up to date on what's changing in the avionics world! The conference also offered some tests for credentialing for both Josh and Cody. It is rewarding for Josh to see Cody excelling!

Josh was also able to talk with vendors about products critical for him to know as he directs Moody Aviation in future avionics decisions. It was interesting and encouraging to run into three MAF (Missionary Aviation Fellowship) avionics technicians, and to hear about their mission work in Africa. This reemphasized how the whole network of missionary aviation is a team on the same mission- take the Gospel to the world!



This is one of the seminars Cody and I attended at the AEA convention.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE WORLD?



The Schmidts

Our friends, Tyler and Renae Schmidt, serve with Missionary Aviation Fellowship (MAF) in Indonesia. Tyler went through Moody Aviation years ago. Their son Caleb recently went on a two-week ministry trip with his international school. The purpose of the trip was to serve the community and missionaries living in Turumo, a swampy, lowland village in the interior. Here, two Western missionaries have started the process of learning the language and forming a written language to translate the Bible.



The whole village made a special *Bakar Batu* (Rock BBQ) for the HIS students to thank them.

In this area, the airstrip would get ruts up to two feet deep because of the swampy terrain. The teens dug 16 trenches across the airstrip and lay "French drains." They hauled rock, put tubing down, and covered it again. Each trench took about 40 man-hours! This essentially gave the missionaries 640 hours to focus on translating the books of Galatians, Ephesians, and Philippians...instead of doing manual labor on the airstrip themselves! The teens also led the village kids with a kid's club. It was rewarding for the teens to teach the indigenous kids the first pieces of Scripture that had been translated into their language. The kids memorized those verses and took them home to share with their families. The teens even heard the village kids humming the songs they had been taught. The Light of the Gospel is beginning to shine in this dark place!



Digging ditches across the airstrip

(used with permission from Tyler and Renae Schmidt)

What was the biggest difference between the lives of these people and yours?

Caleb Schmidt's answer:

The difference between the Turu people and HIS (Hillcrest International School) was phenomenal. The Turu people are still unreached and continue to act in their tribal ways. I talked to the missionary who lives there, and he said they have often threatened to destroy his house or kill his kids, and they are not empty threats. The Turu people are very suspicious of one another and need the gospel of Christ in their lives. There is a church, but it is a sad, empty building and not a real body of Christ. I hope the gospel will change their lives soon.

- Caleb

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HOME?

The tulips are bringing color into the world! Baby garden plants are springing! Kids are delighted to play outside more! **Thad** can't wait to have his sand box built! He loves working hard on his 'struction site.' **Annabelle** likes to sing, wants to help me with various tasks!, and loves playing with her brothers. She's also got quite an imagination. She recently told me, "Do you want to come backpacking with me?" What a thrill to my heart! **Andrew** is crawling and pulling himself up, trying hard to keep up with his two older siblings! He sure can tell a good story with his babbles! It was wonderful to have **Dad and Mom Reimer** with us for a week while Josh was in TX for the work conference!

Thad's EOE (eosinophilic esophagitis) continues to be the thing that is testing our faith and pressing us hard into the Lord. The restricted diet he was on for several months (no wheat/gluten, eggs, dairy, potatoes, nuts, sea food, soy, sesame, and a few other allergens) did not put his EOE into remission. It actually got worse by the February biopsy numbers. EOE causes esophageal damage, constricting and stricturing it over time if EOE does not go into remission. This causes eating/swallowing to be difficult and painful for Thad. We are trying a new medicine for about 3-4 months to see if we can get the inflammation to decrease. It is a daily journey. The Lord is walking with us, giving us perseverance for one meal at a time! Thad has been an incredible champ through the process! God is growing faith in all of us!



"Wherever you are, be all there. Live to the hilt every opportunity you believe to be the will of God." -*Jim Elliot, missionary aviator and martyr*

Praying that in whatever season of life we all find ourselves, that we all will be serving the Lord in it! He is good! He is worthy!



Blocks for the sandbox.



Dad & Mom Reimer's visit.



We enjoy hearing "God stories" over meals with friends. Ryan graduated last year and is excited to serve with MAF!

Thank you for all of your prayers, love, encouragement, and support! We are on mission together!

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