

August & September, 2025

NEWSLETTER

Operations Update

August and September marked another one of our heavy seasons of flying, where we averaged roughly 80 flight hours per week, with last week over 120 alone. 4th-year pilots finished with their private pilot training and received their licenses. They are currently gearing up for their first flights in High Performance Aircraft come the beginning of October. 5th-year pilots stepped into flying that depends on their instruments rather than their visual field. 5th-year mechanics have also been essential for our production maintenance shop. Over the last five weeks, they have taken on four inspections to make our production maintenance mechanics available for substantial progress on a critical plane rebuild project. We have made substantial progress on preparing a gutted-out Cessna 206G for 4th-year curricular flying that could not have been possible without their help. 6th-year CFI students continue to press through what they express is the most challenging coursework at Moody. Much of it is review; however, it is a culmination of their flight courses from years 3 through 5, now learning from the standpoint of having to teach the material. After they complete this training in the next few months, they will be certified instructors able to teach at Moody and other flight training organizations. Please pray for this one last push!

Additionally, we received a new 1st-year class that is growing in biblical studies and fitting into the Moody environment very well. Student leaders are becoming apparent, they are pouring into one another, and staff are developing mentorship relationships with them. Still, many are beginning to face homesickness and the realizations of the challenging workload at Moody Aviation. Please pray with us as God uses this time for their personal growth and encouragement.

It's a boy!

God gave us a wonderful, BIG, and wiggly baby boy who we get to welcome into the world in January



**Celebrating Caleb's
29th Birthday**



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Hard Decisions and Perseverance

Daily, we have the ability to see God's hand at work. And as we always want to share good news, we recognize that God's hand must also be realized through the difficulties. In fact, James tells us that we are to "rejoice when [we] meet trials of various kinds" (Jms 1:2). It would be naive to say that James is insisting that we rejoice for the sake of the suffering itself. Neither does he reserve this directive for only the most obvious points of suffering, as if they were rare and easily noticeable as a tests from God for our good. Our seemingly menial problems are not outside of the scope of a Christian's suffering; they are not meaningless. And if they are not meaningless, they must have purpose, designated by God. The reality is that any and all suffering causes physical pains, strained relationships, loss of things we wanted and loved, doubts, anxieties, depression, loneliness, and sometimes illnesses as a result. To realize this is not a sin, and if you are like me, to see this alleviates the frustration when subtle suffering goes on, dismissed or suppressed time and time again. In the smallest hardship, we realize our deficiencies as the pain point enlarges, just as our attention narrows solely on a hair being plucked or a pinch of the skin, though the rest of our body is in painless health. What is the point then? Where does this "rejoicing" truly come from that James speaks of? It is found in the realization of an opportunity to respond in hope and faithfulness to our daily sufferings. In these moments, we can see the small yet significant evidence that we are becoming a little more like Christ if we choose to hold fast to His word and depend upon His Spirit. We see chips of marble falling from our sculpture, through which, although we do not see the Sculptor directly, we recognize each time He strikes His chisel against our hearts. This is joy and a comfort to our souls—that God is still at work, that he cares about the smallest instances of our pain, and that he truly is intentional about the micro-opportunities to form our "steadfastness" (Jms 1:3-4). As His children, righteous in His Son, He is our Father and treats us as a perfect Father with the purest and most loving intentions. Unlike us, who, in our best efforts, mix loving intentions with subtle intentions of judgment, he deals with us for our own good in every moment.

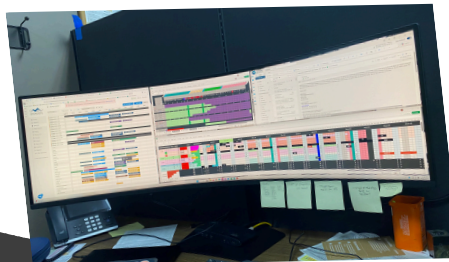
In light of this, after making extensive efforts to catch up students to their peers, we had to pause progressing two of our students, and may need to do so for one more. They will each look to continue the program a year from now with a fresh start on this term's flight courses. In their cases, failure in the curriculum does produce a cost that must be borne by many. As my role forecasts potential outcomes, I needed to determine the severity of this cost. The decision to stop progress came when the forecasting revealed that, as they would not have sufficient time to complete the term themselves, they would also expend time needed by other students and their instructors in further attempts. For these students, there is yet another moment of God's intentional care to hold up a hand and say, "wait." I'm sure they wouldn't fully understand the reason why, even if shown the calculations. A year is not a small thing to be patient for, yet when patience is needed, a year can be just what's needed.

Likewise, Faith and I are in a challenging season where we must wait and depend upon God's care to provide. We took steps for her to focus on school now and take care of our baby come January. In doing so, we stopped her income stream to allow us time dedicated to increasing income in other ways than her full-time work. Over the next few months, it looks hopeful that we will receive what we need through the Veterans Affairs (VA), a few confirmed financial supporters, and an opportunity for part-time work for Faith on a flexible schedule. We have also been blessed by one couple who recently increased their monthly giving. We do not request anything further from partners beyond what you already faithfully give, but that you would pray with us that God will soon provide through these various means that he has already shown us. Please specifically pray that we would see claims answered from the VA before the medical expenses of the baby's delivery.

We pray every night for you, and God knows how much we long to express that we are thankful for you. We love you and pray for your continued perseverance, joy, and strength to be sustained through his constant and abiding Holy Spirit.



**Cessna 206G
Rebuild Project**



**Control station for both flight
and maintenance schedules**

pray.

Together In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Caleb, written in a cursive style.

Continued health and development for Faith and our baby • Prayer for discernment on the best way to finish out maintenance on the Cessna 206 project with near High Performance courses • Trust through temporary financial strain • Caleb's been having troubles with insulin delivery with his new pump, please pray settings would be dialed in correctly and that the source of issues would be discovered • Please pray for a relative who is working through a very recent time of heartache and confusion to be drawn to Christ