# JOHN & TANYA

Michaela, Tristan, Adaline & Charis

# THE FAMILY OF DUNNS





# Jean friends A SEASON OF STRETCHING AND GOD'S SUSTAINING GRACE

When John graduated in June, we expected a brief breather, but instead, we stepped right into one of our busiest seasons yet—one filled with intense work, unexpected challenges, and again and again, God's unmistakable grace.

Just weeks after graduating, John began training for his Certified Flight Instructor (CFI) rating. This kicked off three concentrated weeks of ground school, covering the science of learning and how to teach effectively on the ground and in the air. Immediately afterward, the real challenge began: learning to instruct while flying—and learning to fly from the right seat for the first time.



This turned out to be far more difficult than expected. The visual perspective felt foreign, and for the first ten flights John struggled to keep the airplane aligned with the runway centerline. Even switching hands for throttle and control inputs felt unnatural. On top of that, he had just three months to relearn everything he had ever been taught—this time from an instructor's perspective. Yet God carried him through. On November 20th, John completed his training and is now officially a CFI with an instrument rating. This opens the door for his next season of service—one we are genuinely excited to share with you.

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## FAMILY UPDATE: Trials, Provision and God's Faithfulness.



The Car Trials

Several months ago, our primary car failed, resulting in \$6,000 in repairs, and during that same period our secondary car also broke down. Yet even in the middle of that hardship, God's faithfulness shone through. Some dear friends started a GoFundMe campaign, and within just 24 hours, enough was raised to purchase a dependable 2012 Honda Odyssey. We were overwhelmed by God's provision and the generosity of His people, and we cannot express how truly grateful we are.



Michaela's College/ Visa Challenges Because of imminent immigration changes, Michaela had to act quickly—complete her SATs, secure acceptance to Moody Bible Institute, raise the minimum finances required for her visa, and then submit her application. It was an overwhelming scramble, yet once again, God provided exactly what we needed. Now we are prayerfully waiting to hear back regarding the success of her application.



Tanya's Health Praises After a difficult year, God graciously provided funds for Tanya to undergo more extensive blood testing. These revealed severe nutrient deficiencies and elevated mercury levels. A local holistic dental clinic removed several mercury fillings (yes—using hazmat suits!), and within a month of removal, along with supplements, Tanya's health dramatically improved. We are deeply thankful.



The Kids

Tristan is doing well in school and continues to grow in godliness in encouraging ways. Adaline and Charis are healthy and thriving, and we are grateful for the daily joy they bring to our home.









### OUR UPDATED PATH TO AIM AIR

Remember our hope of joining AIM AIR to serve in Africa immediately after graduation? We've since learned that AIM AIR requires 500 flight hours--well above John's total time upon graduating. So, how could we gain the remaining hours while also preparing well for Africa?

After months of prayer and counsel we joyfully accepted the opportunity to join Proclaim Aviation Ministries who will assign John to stay at Moody Aviation as a flight instructor for two years. While this delayed our expected timeline to Africa, the disappointment quickly gave way to excitement. John will gain the hours and experience needed while discipling and training the next generation of missionary aviators—something he is deeply passionate about. We will begin the onboarding process with AIM AIR after this commitment. We cannot wait to be on the mission field, but we also want to steward this unexpected season well for God's glory.

### PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT.

As part of onboarding with any mission organization, we are required to raise a minimum level of monthly financial support. To help us prepare well, we are currently in partnership development training. This training has reminded us that Jesus, His disciples, and even the apostle Paul relied on the generosity of fellow believers to carry out their ministries.

By God's grace, we are currently at 73% of our required monthly goal and can begin with Proclaim while continuing to raising support until we reach 100%.

This training has again underscored that partnership development is not ultimately about finances. It is about inviting others to join in the joy of gospel work. It is about celebrating with those who feel called to invest in missions around the world. It is about witnessing God multiply every gift into "thanksgivings to God."

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Praise God for the successful completion of John's CFI training • The improvement in Tanya's health • That God has provided 73% of the support we need to raise • Please pray with us for the continued success of Michaela's visa application • That God will provide the remaining support we need to raise • That John's start as a flight instructor at Moody Aviation will go smoothly • That we will be able to rest well before starting our next season

We cannot thank you enough for your partnership in the gospel. We have been on this journey for so long with you, and we know without any doubt, it has only been possible because of ministry partners like you. May the Lord richly bless you this Christmas as you remember the greatest gift ever given-Jesus Christ.

In Christ, John & Tanya